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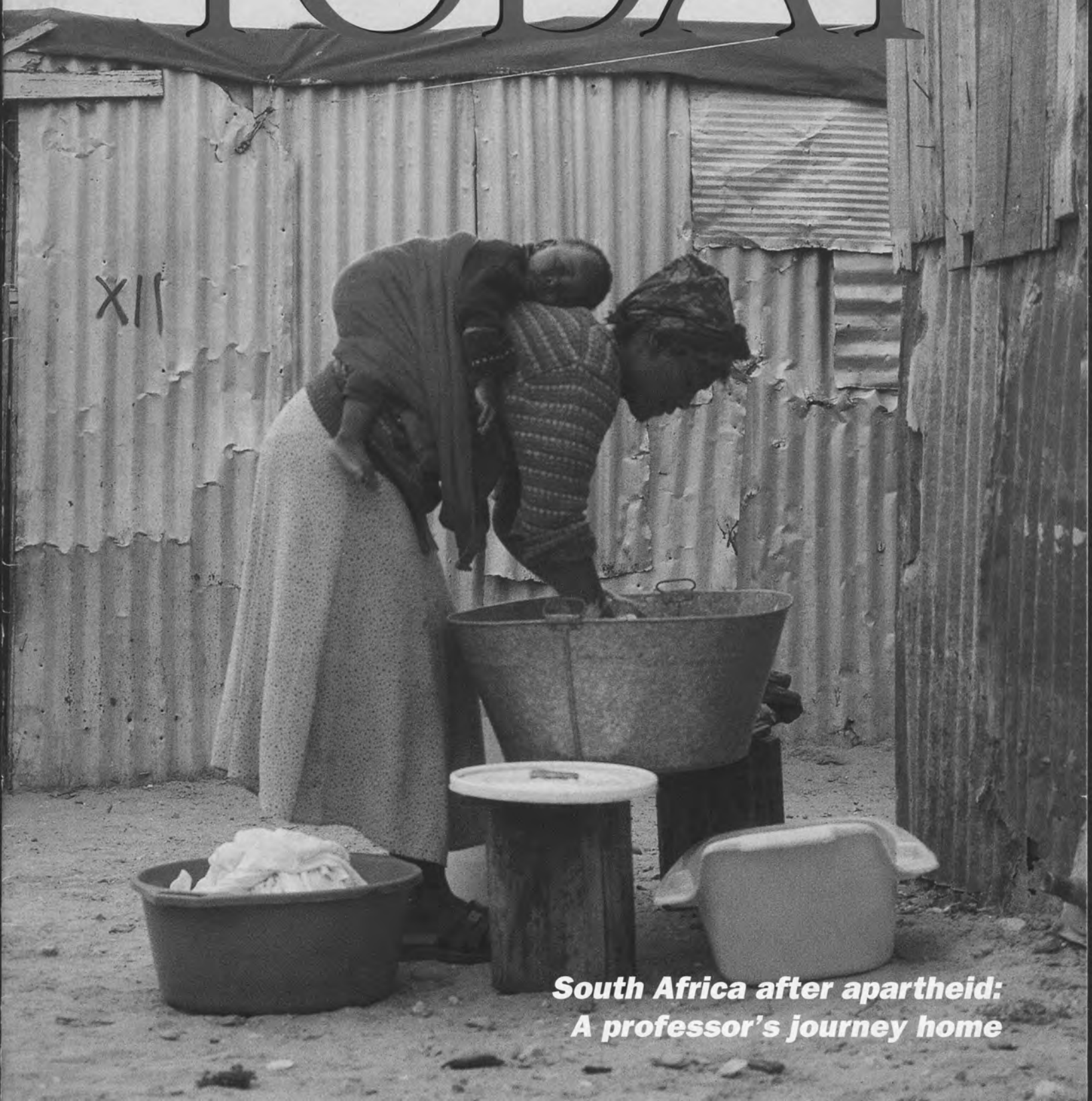
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TODAY



***South Africa after apartheid:
A professor's journey home***



IN HIS BASEBALL-PLAYING DAYS, **Paul Merkel, '44**, started as an outfielder, moved to first base, and finally settled down at his favorite position, catcher. "I liked catching," he says. "I liked seeing the whole field in front of me." □ Paul Merkel mastered the catcher's skills — learning to "call" a game, cueing the pitcher, moving the players around, trying to anticipate the opponent's next offensive move — and applied them during his career as Whitworth's baseball coach. In the years between 1957 and 1978, he led his Bucs to many winning seasons and to 1960's NAIA national championship. □ If Paul's baseball honors were laid end to end, they'd stretch from here to Cooperstown. A member of four halls of fame, he is also a recipient of the prestigious NAIA Award of Merit for Baseball; and earlier this year he was honored with the NAIA's inaugural Robert C. Smith Achievement Award. □ At 74, Paul Merkel has been at Whitworth for most of the past 57 years. And during that time as student-athlete, coach, faculty member and athletics director, he has helped make Whitworth Athletics the thriving enterprise it is today. He "retired" in 1990, but he's still an integral part of the college community. Wander out to the baseball field — Merkel Field, of course — on a warm spring afternoon, and you'll find him there, intent on the game, marking stats, seeing the whole field in front of him.

A WHITWORTH PORTRAIT

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EDITORS' NOTE

In about two weeks we're going to ask many of you who receive *Whitworth Today* to do us a favor. About 1,000 readers will receive a survey asking what you think about the magazine.

For those of us who put together this magazine each semester, this survey represents a very important step in a process. This summer, we will redesign the look of *Whitworth Today*, and your opinions about what kinds of news and information you would like to see in the magazine will help us do a better job of that. Our goal is quite simple: to give you the best alumni magazine around.

As with the staff of any other newspaper, magazine or other periodical, we are always asking ourselves two primary questions: What do our readers want to know about Whitworth College, and what do our readers need to know about Whitworth? Too often our answers to those questions are based on little more than our own editorial hunches and notions of what a good alumni magazine should offer its readers. This survey will provide important information so that we can send you a better magazine.

The survey will cover a wide variety of information, but it is designed so that it will take only a few minutes to fill out.

We will ask you what you like, and don't like, about *Whitworth Today*. We'll ask you what you would like to see more of, as well as what puts you to sleep.



As I mentioned before, this survey will reach the homes and businesses of about 1,000 *Whitworth Today* readers. That amounts to a little more than 5 percent of the magazine's circulation. Given a decent response rate, that quantity

will be enough to give us some statistically valid insights into what readers want from *Whitworth Today*. But even if you're not included in our survey sample, I would like to extend to you a warm invitation to send me your comments about *Whitworth Today*. Please send comments to Tim Wolf, editor, *Whitworth Today*, Whitworth College, 300 W. Hawthorne Road, Spokane, WA, 99251-3102, or send them via e-mail to twolf@whitworth.edu.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Whitworth Today*, and I hope you'll let us know how we can make this a better magazine.

CALENDAR

May 18: Commencement at the Spokane Opera House.

June 8-14: Elderhostel I. Call (509) 466-3291 for information.

June 13-15: Early '50s Alumni Reunion for classes of 1950, '51, '52, '53, '54. Call (509) 466-3799 or 1-800-532-4668 for information.

June 27-29: Alumni 25-Year Reunion for classes of 1971, '72, and '73. Call (509) 466-3799 or 1-800-532-4668 for information.

July 6-12: Elderhostel II. Call (509) 466-3291 for information.

July 20: Retirement Celebration for Dale Bruner. Call (509) 466-3799 or 1-800-532-4668 for information.

July 21-26: Whitworth Institute of Ministry. Call (509) 466-3291 for information.

August 22: Whitworth Alumni Night with the Mariners in Seattle. Call (509) 466-3799 or 1-800-532-4668 for information.

September 3: Fall classes begin.

October 11-12: Homecoming Weekend. For more information, call the Alumni Office at (509) 466-3799 or 1-800-532-4668.

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Whitworth to begin construction of Phase II

Campus Center addition will be completed in 1998

When they arrive on campus in the fall of 1998, Whitworth students will dine in a new establishment. This summer, the college will break ground on the \$5.1 million second phase of the Campus Center project, which will feature a new 450-seat dining hall.

Phase II of the Campus Center will add to the two-year-old building a full-service dining hall facility for students, as well as office space for the college's Student Life division, said **Tom Johnson**, vice president for business affairs at Whitworth. Construction will begin in July.

The project received final approval from the Whitworth College Board of Trustees at its April meeting, and is scheduled to be completed by the start of the 1998 school year. Completion of the new dining facility will sound the final dinner bell for Leavitt Dining Hall,

where Whitworth has been nourishing students since 1944. The college is looking at several options for what to do with Leavitt, Johnson said.

Construction of Phase II will complete Whitworth's Campus Center project. Begun in the winter of 1994, the \$4.2 million first phase provided a new gathering place for Whitworth students and the campus community. The first phase includes large commons areas, a snack bar and cafe, a bookstore, conference space, a post office and office space for student organizations. Completion of the second phase will double the space in Whitworth's Campus Center to approximately 51,000 square feet.

In addition to completing the Phase II structure, the college will move the main campus road further to the east to accommodate the new building. And in what will complete a major shift in student traffic toward the east end of campus, significant parking space will

be added just east of the Campus Center facility.

Whitworth has also received confirmation from the National Science Foundation that the college will receive a \$660,000 grant to help fund the renovation of the Eric Johnston Science Center. Over the coming year-and-a-half, the college will undertake a campaign to complete fund-raising for the proposed \$2.1 million renovation project, said **Stacey Kamm Smith**, associate vice president for institutional advancement.

The Johnston Science Center renovation will provide a variety of improvements to the 40-year-old building, including improved laboratory facilities and teaching stations. The college is in the process of finalizing the scope and timeline, as well as fund-raising plans, for the Johnston Science Center project, Smith said. But it's likely that those plans will come together, and fund-raising for the remaining cost of the project will begin this summer, she said.

Commencement '97 to honor 500 degree candidates

Students choose Robinson to speak at commencement

Members of the Class of 1997 and Whitworth President **Bill Robinson** have something in common. It was four years ago that Robinson became the college's 17th president and it was four years ago that this year's graduating seniors began their education at Whitworth.

That bond has led Whitworth's seniors to ask Robinson to be the speaker at Commencement ceremonies at the Spokane Opera House May 18, at 2 p.m. And, of course, Robinson has accepted. The 107th Commencement will honor 360 undergraduate degree candidates and 140 graduate degree candidates.

"To many of us, Bill is a part of our class — he arrived on campus the same time we did, and he has shared the first four years of his Whitworth experience with us," said **Sarah Eells**, senior class coordinator. "In deciding who should speak at our graduation this year, it



The Class of '97 wants to hear from President Bill Robinson.

seems appropriate to choose Bill. He represents for us four years of incredible leadership not only as our president but also as a part of the class of 1997."

In addition to handing out diplomas to degree candidates, Whitworth College will confer an honorary doctorate of humane letters upon David Irwin, the outgoing president of Washington Friends of Higher Education, an organization that provides critical support to the independent colleges in Washington state, including Whitworth.

The honorary degree will be given to Irwin in recognition of his outstanding contributions to higher education in Washington state over the past 30 years.

This year's student speakers from the senior class will be **Scott Sund**, of Olympia, Wash., and **Eells**, of Snohomish, Wash. The senior class response to Robinson's presidential charge will be given by **Moses Pulei** of Kajiado, Kenya, president of the Associated Students of Whitworth College.



***Rock for Christ:** Pumping up the crowd for Christ is nothing new for Christian rocker Kenny Marks, shown here during his visit to Whitworth this spring as the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar of 1997. The Staley lectureship at Whitworth seeks to proclaim the Good News through artists and scholars in a contemporary style. Suffice it to say that Marks' songs struck a chord with Whitworth students.*

Whitworth due for accreditation review

It's amazing how quickly 10 years goes by, but Whitworth College is readying for its regular accreditation review. Over the next 18 months, Whitworth will conduct an exhaustive self-study that will culminate in a September 1998 visit by representatives of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Whitworth's accrediting body.

While the self-study will cover a wide variety of areas, it will focus on two general questions: How well does Whitworth College succeed in fulfilling its mission and how does Whitworth measure up to the standards by which the NASC evaluates colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest?

The accreditation process will involve alumni, as well. As part of Whitworth's self-study, the college will be contacting a number of alumni to gauge their opinions about a variety of questions related to the college.

Whitworth names new VP

After an eight-month search, Whitworth President **Bill Robinson** has announced that **Kristi Burns** will become the college's new



Burns

vice president for institutional advancement, effective June 2, 1997.

Burns currently serves as the director of alumni and development for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics at Washington State University in Pullman, where she recently led a successful \$54 million fundraising effort for the college as part of Campaign WSU. Burns has successfully served in a variety of administrative and advancement positions over her 17-year career at Washington State. She also holds bachelor's and master's degrees from WSU.

Whitworth President **Bill Robinson** said of Burns, "We're ecstatic. For two years I have been talking to Kristi about opportunities at Whitworth. Her talent and her commitment to our mission are first-rate. She has the ideal background and gifts for this job."

Burns said her new position at

Whitworth provides a great opportunity to bring together her faith and her profession and apply both to a clear purpose and vision. "I believe Whitworth's vice president for institutional advancement should have as a first priority advancing the kingdom of God by developing resources that will provide students with the opportunity to have meaningful and transforming encounters with Christ," Burns said.

Burns will be charged with providing leadership and direction for Whitworth's advancement program, which includes the areas of development, alumni relations, church relations, public and community relations, publications and news services. Burns said she will place a high priority on fostering Whitworth's mission while increasing philanthropic support to the college.

Burns will also work closely with Whitworth Foundation Executive Director **Wyn Hill** and his staff in promoting Whitworth College's deferred giving program and growing the college endowment. Burns succeeds **Jim Ferguson**, former vice president of development at Whitworth, who left the college in August to become the vice president for institutional advancement at Belhaven College in Jackson, Miss.

In loving memory of Vicki Lewis

1945-1997

Vicki Lewis, education certification specialist and longtime Whitworth employee, died of cancer on her 52nd birthday, January 17. She leaves a legacy of professional excellence, compassion and love for others, and an extraordinarily strong and vibrant Christian faith that saw her through a long, painful last illness. At Vicki's memorial service, for which she chose the music, one of her favorite hymns summed up the assurance with which Vicki faced life, and death:



*My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray, Take all my guilt away.
O, let me from this day be wholly Thine!*

*When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust
remove;
O, bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!*

Vicki is and will always be missed by her friends and colleagues at Whitworth.

FACULTY NEWS

Twelve artworks by Associate Professor of Art **Gordon Wilson** were recently selected for inclusion in *Christian Art in the 1990s*, an international collection on CD-ROM. Four works from this collection will be included in a BBC program on Christian artists later this spring. Athletics Director **Scott McQuilkin**, '84, will present a paper at the North American Society for Sport History on "University Faculty and Progressivism: Disunity of Intercollegiate Athletic Reform." McQuilkin has also been named to the NCAA Division III Legislative Review Committee. Art Professor **Spike Grosvenor**, '69, won second place at the Stained Glass Association of America/Art Glass Suppliers International Exhibition in Nashville, Tenn., for his autonomous panel, "Man of Sorrows." Associate Professor of English **Linda Hunt**, '78, recently received her Ph.D. from Gonzaga University. She also has a new book coming out, *In the Long Run: A Study of Faculty in Three Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Programs*. Through funding from the Murdock Charitable Trust, Assistant Professor of Math and Computer Science **Lyle Cochran** is integrating technology into the teaching of calculus. His students are learning how to solve calculus problems using *Mathematica*, a new computer program. In March, Associate Professor of Psychology **Jim Waller** was an invited speaker at a joint international conference sponsored by the National Education Association and the Safe Schools Coalition. Waller's topic was *Prejudice Across America: Promoting Religious, Racial and Ethnic Tolerance*.

STUDENT
NOTES

ICNE senior and Whitworth Health Center Nursing Technician **Beth Lockard** of Yucaipa, Calif., was recently accepted for membership in Sigma Theta Tau, the international nursing honor society. Membership is based on outstanding scholastic achievement and community involvement. Chemistry students **Kelly Starkweather**, **Kim Jewell**, **Angela Oates**, **Andrea Smith** and **Tony Billingsley** have been working with Assistant Professor of Chemistry **Karen Stevens** for the last two semesters doing computer simulations of chemical systems as part of the science grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust. Whitworth finished 21st among 197 schools in the sweepstakes of the National Parliamentary Debate Association, at which Coach **Mike Ingram** chaired the seven-judge panel for the final round. The team of **Hanna Ganser** and **Tammy Nida** competed in elimination rounds and finished 34th in a field of 142 teams. Junior communications studies major and publications design intern **Anna Beard** received a Journalism Talent Award given by Whitworth's Communications Studies department. Senior theatre major **David Collins** has been accepted into a highly competitive internship program with The Lamb's Players in San Diego, Calif.

Award-winning poet talks the talk

As 1997's Ada Redmond Reader, renowned Northwest poet, short-story writer and essayist Tess Gallagher recently read from her works to a packed house of more than 300 people at Whitworth's Campus Center. Gallagher, of Port Angeles, Wash., currently holds the Edward F. Arnold Visiting Professor of English chair at Whitman College in Walla Walla. She will serve as poet-in-residence at Bucknell University for spring semester 1998.

Gallagher's most recent books are *My Black Horse: New and Selected Poems* (1995) and *Portable Kisses* (1996), both published by Bloodaxe Books in Great Britain. She contributed the introduction to *All of Us: The Collected Poems of Raymond Carver*, published in August 1996 in Great Britain. Her *Moon Crossing Bridge* (1992), Graywolf Press, earned a spot on the American Library Association's Most Notable Book List for 1993 and won a Washington State Governor's Award that same year. Her short-story collection, *At the Owl Woman Saloon*, is forthcoming from Scribner in September.

The Ada Redmond Readings are funded by **Lois** and **Howard Redmond** in honor of Mrs. Ada Redmond, writer and lover of literature, to promote creative prose and poetry at Whitworth College and throughout the Inland Northwest.



Tess Gallagher, a prolific writer of poetry and prose, recently came to campus as part of the Redmond Readings program to share her award-winning work with the Whitworth community.

Johnson plans busy retirement

After 30 years of teaching at Whitworth, Psychology Professor **Bill Johnson**, '61, will retire this spring. He served as department chair in psychology for 17 years, and was Whitworth's faculty athletics representative for 27 years. As a result of his distinguished longtime service in athletics, he holds a place in the NAIA Hall of Fame.



Johnson

"Bill Johnson has been a quiet treasure for Whitworth College," said Whitworth President **Bill Robinson**. "I speak with alumni, families in Hawaii, coaches and athletics directors

around the country, and colleagues who report the highest respect and affection for Bill. We know that Bill and [his wife] Rachel will always contribute to the people whose lives they touch, and we hope that Whitworthians will continue to be in that group."

Despite the Parkinson's disease that has hastened his retirement, Johnson plans a hectic post-Whitworth pace. He will continue his work as a director of Bloomsday, Spokane's renowned 12K road race — a job that he has held for the last 20 years — and will oversee the design of a new Bloomsday course for 1998. He also plans to work on several writing projects, including a book with his son, **Brad**, '85, a psychology professor at George Fox University. And he will continue his work as clinical supervisor of therapists at Independent Counseling Service in Spokane, and "spend lots of time gardening, exercising, and caring for four grandchildren."

Grants send political studies professor packing

John Yoder is Africa-bound. Yoder recently received notification that he has been awarded fellowships from both the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the Pew Evangelical Scholars Program.

The Fulbright Fellowship will allow Yoder to teach at Daystar University in Kenya during 1998, offering courses on African history and culture, conflict resolution, and Islam and Christianity in Africa. While in Kenya, Yoder will also continue research begun this summer for the Pew project, a research fellowship that focuses on civic values of the citizens of Liberia and explores the ways in which those values contributed to the collapse of the Liberian state. Yoder's plan is to complete the Pew research and writing in the spring of 1999, after he returns to Spokane.

"Whitworth values John's perspective as a Christian scholar who raises central questions of meaning," said Academic Dean **Tammy Reid, '60**. "He combines expertise in his specific research area with his focus on looking at principles that underlie political systems in general, and his research experiences and



Supported by two prestigious grants, John Yoder, Whitworth's resident Africanist, will head for Kenya in 1998 to teach and continue his research.

writing about Africa have resulted in his receiving these prestigious awards."

Yoder traveled to Liberia as a Fulbright Fellow in 1987-88, and he has continued to monitor the political climate in that country. His Pew research will focus on how the values of ordinary citizens contributed to the current chaos in Liberia. "I was always fascinated by the paradox of a strong, overt emphasis on civility and order and a more hid-

den, but nonetheless powerful, current of repression, control and exploitation at the local and interpersonal level," he said. Liberia's years of bloody civil war have had a profound effect on Yoder. "Since many of my former Liberian students and friends were killed, tortured, forced into exile, or deprived of their possessions, the question of what went wrong is not an abstract intellectual problem," he said.



Honoring a lifelong learner: Whitworth College recently bestowed upon **Dorothy Paulsen Smith, '55**, an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Smith, who served most recently as the vice president for business affairs at Valparaiso University in Indiana, was honored for her outstanding contributions to Christian higher education and for the example she has set in continuing her education. In addition to her bachelor's degree from Whitworth, Smith holds master's, doctoral and law degrees. "Dorothy Paulsen Smith is a shining example of the ideal of lifelong learning," **Tammy Reid, '60**, Whitworth's acting chief academic officer and dean of the faculty, said during the presentation ceremony. Smith (center) is pictured with Reid and Whitworth President **Bill Robinson**.

Jazz Ensemble hot in both hemispheres

The Whitworth College Jazz Ensemble added two feathers to its cap this year by performing at the Marvelous Melbourne Jazz Festival in Melbourne, Australia, in January, and by taking first place at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho.

The jazz ensemble was one of three college jazz bands chosen to represent the United States at the Melbourne Jazz Festival. The ensemble was invited to perform at the festival based on the strength of its CD, "Cats in Rome," which was released in August 1996.

The festival featured many of the top professional jazz musicians in Australia, New Zealand and England, said **Dan Keberle**, director and professor of music.

The jazz ensemble gave five performances at the festival, as well as a few combo performances at area clubs. "This trip to Australia was another wonderful chance for our students to travel to a distant land and culture, and, once again, jazz music was our passport," Keberle said.

Also, for the third time in four years, the group earned first place in the college-university division at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in February.



The Whitworth Jazz Ensemble poses in Melbourne, Australia, last January during the Marvelous Melbourne Jazz Festival. "Jazz music was our passport," says Director Dan Keberle.

Renewal for pastors:

This spring brought theologian and author Ben Johnson of the Columbia Theological Seminary to the Whitworth College campus. Johnson, author of 95 Theses of the Church and one of the church's most respected voices, taught a spirituality class (pictured at right) for 17 pastors and led a "Renewal Weekend" at Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church.



Whitworthian goes online

Alumni and friends who want the latest news about Whitworth College from a student perspective can turn to *The Whitworthian*, via the Internet. This spring the weekly student newspaper published its first online edition.

The online edition carries news, sports, and feature stories for each week, as well as an archives section, said **Mark Jackson**, editor-in-chief.

"It's a great opportunity for alumni to keep in touch with their alma mater," said Jackson. Eventually, *The Whitworthian* will sell online advertisements, link up with other schools, and include links to web sites related to topics covered in stories.

To visit *The Whitworthian Online*, type <http://www.whitworth.edu/aswc/wwian/whit.htm>.



Learning from a master: Master Hidetaka Nishiyama, arguably the most respected traditional karate instructor in the world, came to Whitworth this spring to conduct a seminar and exhibition for students. His visit was part of Japan Week 1997.

Whitworth honored for building character

The John Templeton Foundation has named Whitworth College to its 1997-98 Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges, which recognizes colleges and universities that emphasize character building as an integral part of the college experience.

"One of the primary goals of education is the development of moral character — those habits of heart, mind and spirit that help students know, love and do what is good. Because of Whitworth's demonstrated efforts to develop moral character in students, the John Templeton Founda-

tion is pleased to name Whitworth to our Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges," said John M. Templeton, Jr., president of the foundation.

A total of 135 schools in 42 states were selected to this year's Honor Roll and will be featured in the 1997-98 *Honor Roll for Character-Building Colleges Reference Guide*, which will be available in the fall.

The John Templeton Foundation distributes more than 65,000 complimentary copies of the guidebook to public libraries, high school guidance counselors and interested parents and students across the United States.



The soul of the firm: In April, C. William Pollard, chairman and former CEO of the ServiceMaster Company, came to Whitworth as the Fosseen Distinguished Speaker of International Management. In addition to giving a presentation titled "The Soul of the Firm" to business and community leaders in Spokane, Pollard, pictured at left, also led a discussion with undergraduate and graduate students at Whitworth.

KUDOS

Whitworth's Young Life Director **Lorie Pfursich**, who received her M.Div. from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1984, has passed her ordination exams and will soon be ordained by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Continuing Studies Administrative Secretary **Anna Kenney** will receive her master's degree in counseling and guidance (church/social agency track) from Whitworth in May. Kenney's master's thesis is titled "Women in Vietnam: The Effects of War-Zone Stressors." Alumni Director and Yearbook Advisor **Tad Wisenor, '89**, received word that, for the second year in a row, Whitworth's yearbook, *Natsihi*, has been recognized with an Award of Excellence by the Taylor Publishing Company. *Natsihi* has also been selected for inclusion in Taylor's 1997 *Yearbook Yearbook*. Whitworth Foundation Trust Assistant **Sandy Pendleton, '96**, was recently notified that she has passed her Certified Public Accountant exam. Registrar's Assistant **Keith Thompson** has been hired to direct the youth program at Shiloh Hills Baptist Church. Thompson will work part time at SHBC and continue his full-time job at Whitworth. **Amy Evans**, resident director for Arend Hall, will graduate from Washington State University this spring with a master's degree in educational administration; she will then enter WSU's doctoral program in educational psychology. Evans' master's thesis deals with the effects of multi-age and multi-dimensional classroom organization on fourth- and fifth-graders.

The three R's of Whitworth swimming

Rice, Rasmussen, Rice bring home NAIA gold

The big three of the Class of '97 — the class that Head Swim Coach Tom Dodd calls "the group that lifted Whitworth into national prominence" — swam with the best during the season, then were crowned the best of the best at NAIA Nationals in Federal Way. And these three young men came to their moments of triumph by very different routes.

Jeff and Jerry Rice come from a swimming clan including eight siblings in all, and they're not even the fastest ones in their own family: "My brother Brent — he's 16 — is the fastest of us all," said Jeff. Jerry said that Brent is as competitive with his older brothers as they are with one another. And that's pretty competitive. "Jerry likes to hold it over my head that he's six minutes older than I am," said Jeff. "Yeah, and he likes to get on me about high school," said Jerry. "I never got a state championship, and he never lets me forget it."

Maybe Jerry got shut out of the big prize in high school, but he and Jeff have been mainstays in the Whitworth program. "The Rice twins are the main part of the franchise over the past four years," said Dodd. "The thing about Jeff and Jerry is that they're competitive, good athletes, and everyone likes them — so, because of the goodwill they spread, some of our competitors even root for them. They work really hard, and they make everything fun."

The brothers certainly enjoyed themselves at Federal Way, where Jeff won the 200 Individual Medley and Jerry won the 400 IM. This was Jerry's first victory at nationals, after coming close in 1995 and again in 1996, when he came in second after his goggles filled with water, obscuring his vision and impairing his depth perception.

Jeff was pumped about Jerry's long-awaited victory. "It was one of the two best moments at nationals," he said. Was his own victory the other? "No, the other was when John Rasmussen won his event." Asked about how Jerry's vic-



Three R's and a D: From left, Jeff (or is it Jerry?) Rice, John Rasmussen and Jerry (or is it Jeff?) Rice flank Head Coach Tom Dodd, he of the Whitworth sweatshirt and the cool, appraising stare.

tory compares with his own, Jeff abandoned the brothers' customary one-upsmanship and allowed himself to appreciate the uniqueness of such a moment. "Being able to spend these college years with my brother has been great; and to finish up with both of us winning nationals is even better."

While the Rice brothers have been "the franchise" from day one at Whitworth, John Rasmussen took three years to come into his own — and to realize that he needed to work hard to reach his swimming goals.

"I've always had swimming talent," said Rasmussen, who, like the Rices, comes from a family of swimmers, "but I'd been swimming competitively for 13 years, and I was burned out. The first three years here my work ethic wasn't good." A strong Christian who plans to work with troubled youth after graduation, Rasmussen found himself falling short of what he thought God expected of him. "It had come to the point where I was going to kick myself off the team because I wasn't the swimmer God wanted me to be," he said.

Instead he decided to rededicate himself to swimming and to his teammates. Rasmussen promised Dodd and Assistant Coach Steve Flegel that he was ready to

make some big changes. He realized that he'd had a negative effect on the team, and he saw that his change of heart resulted in a new sense of community among team members. Swimmers who had once questioned Rasmussen's commitment now found new respect for their once-erratic cohort.

Jeff Rice, among others, is happy with his teammate's turnaround. "I always kind of had faith in him, because I know him," said Rice. "He is one of the most natural swimmers I've ever seen, and he has the ability to pull out performances that are just awesome."

Rasmussen said that Tom Dodd kept after him to change, but "an athlete needs to change from the inside first. Tom's a good motivator, and he tried hard. But you can apply all the pressure you want, and it's not going to make any difference until the athlete comes to the conclusion that he's hurting his team." When Rasmussen realized that his attitude and his work habits were causing problems for his teammates, he made the decision to commit himself to being the swimmer that he could be. That paid off for him with his coaches and his teammates — and on the top step of the medals stand at NAIA Nationals.

Buc ball better at home

Anyone who's attended a men's basketball game in the Whitworth Fieldhouse since 1994 must find it inconceivable that the Bucs ever lose. The combination of loud, partisan home crowds, familiar surroundings, Marriott home cooking and a load of basketball talent seems to take the Pirate men to another level, a level at which they can grab the lion's share of the rebounds, make most of their three-pointers, drive the lane and score over taller defenders, and just plain win — again and again.

When the men traveled to Hawaii in the pre-season and beat a nationally ranked NAIA Division I team, Hawaii Pacific, the road also appeared to be a Buc-friendly place. It looked as if Whitworth might be bound for the NAIA Division II post-season tournament for a second straight year.

After the triumph in Hawaii, though, the road became a very tough place for the Bucs. They dropped early-season road games to Pacific Lutheran and University of Puget Sound (by one and two points), and after that the perfect-at-home Pirates



found themselves struggling each time they stepped onto an unfamiliar court.

They finished the season with a very respectable record of 18-7, with every defeat coming on the road. "We played some good teams, and good teams win at home," said Head Coach **Warren Friedrichs**.

They certainly do. At home, the Bucs beat Central Washington and Carroll College, among other fine teams, in pre-season games, and handled eventual NCIC champ Pacific and runner-up Lewis and Clark with relative ease. The Pirates' Fieldhouse winning streak now stands at an impressive 32 games.

But the Bucs are frustrated at missing this year's tournament. **Nate Williams**, all-conference senior guard and an integral part of last season's national runner-up team, summed up the end-of-season feelings of his teammates. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed," said Williams. "I thought we had a good season, but we just didn't reach the goals we set. We had to win more on the road. I thought we'd get to nationals."

Swimmin' women fifth in nation

When his swimmers compete at nationals, Head Coach **Tom Dodd** tries to "go numb." Said Dodd, "It's just self-preservation, I guess. I want to pretend I'm calm, so I try not to feel too much. But," he said, "it seems like we do a lot of living in a short time. Nationals is always the end of a spiritual journey, and it's an unbelievable experience every time."

Coach Dodd's women's team had another great year at nationals, as all eight Whitworth competitors scored in individual events. Senior **Shannon Braun** picked up third-place medals in the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events and senior **Jan Okada** won third in the 200 breaststroke. "Shannon came here as a walk-on," said Dodd, "and it has been a real pleasure to see her win because she's such

a nice person and such a hard worker."

As for Okada, Dodd said, "Jan's so versatile that she could swim in six different spots; she could cover everything for us. She's a real competitor." Both Braun and Okada won Academic All-America honors this year, and "they've let everyone in the college know that athletics and academics can flourish side by side," said Dodd. "This group of seniors is very talented not only in the pool but in the classroom, and they're great people who represent the team and the college well. I'm proud of every one of them."

In addition to Braun and Okada, Whitworth women participating in the national meet were **Tena Embly**, **Sarah Ewan**, **Mindy Galbraith**, **Lea Stenerson**, **Mary Ryan** and **Megan Williams**.

Young Bucs ready to move on up

A few weeks into the 1996-97 season, worried Whitworth boosters were asking each other, "What will happen when Tissue and Northington graduate?" With their scoring, rebounding and leadership talents, guard **Jen Tissue** and post **Sherri Northington** have been huge over the past few years for the Bucs. And they, along with invaluable point guard **Becca Moore**, were the only seniors on a very young Whitworth team.

But after a full season of watching the next generation of Buc women, Whitworth fans are excited about the future. Though the Pirates missed post-season play by one game, they won more contests than they had in the 1995-96 season and ended the campaign on a high note by thumping second-place Pacific Lutheran. The victory followed a tough loss to UPS that ended the Bucs' playoff hopes. Head Coach **Helen Higgs** said of her young players, "I think we have the best freshmen and sophomores in the conference — and our juniors are pretty good, too!"

FOR THE RECORD

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall record: 18-7
Conference record: 11-5
Conference standing: Third
Conference honors: All-NCIC first team: **Nate Williams**, **Ben Helmerman**. Honorable mention: **Jeff Mix**

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall record: 13-11
Conference record: 9-7
Conference standing: Fifth
Conference Honors: All-NCIC second team: **Jennifer Tissue**, **Sherri Northington**. Honorable mention: **Rebecca Moore**

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Conference standing: Fifth
National championship standing: Fifth
High finishers: **Shannon Braun**, third place, 50/100/200 Freestyle; **Jan Okada**, third place, 200 Breaststroke

MEN'S SWIMMING

Conference standing: Third
NCIC Coach of the Year: **Tom Dodd**
National championship standing: Third
Nat'l champions: **Jeff Rice**, 200 IM; **Jerry Rice**, 400 IM; **John Rasmussen**, 200 Breaststroke

Whitworth's medical missionaries bring relief

By Liona Tannesen, '98

The little Kenyan boy with torn clothes and a runny nose stared and stared at Whitworth student **Heather Porter**. She wanted to hold him, but every time she stepped closer, he backed off. Porter sat down on the dusty ground and looked away. The little boy kept his eyes glued to her as he slowly crept up and touched her. He was the first person in the village to touch any of the visitors.

The students on the Africa 1997 study tour were the first Caucasian men and women that the children in this village had ever seen.

Thirty-one Whitworth students, five student teachers from Merced, Calif., and three doctors and two leaders, **Bob Quall**, '61, and **Tom McCall**, also from California, traveled to Kenya last Jan Term to teach and minister to the sick. They visited 21 villages, treated about 2,000 men, women and children, and returned to Spokane with indelible memories of the people they met.

Before leaving for the first villages, the group stopped in Migori, Kenya, to buy \$2,500 worth of medicine and to split into six teams. Quall, a judge in Merced, and McCall organized the doctors, students and student teachers into an evangelization team, a teaching team and four medical teams. They piled into six vans and set off to put 12,000 miles on their odometers.

"As a group, we treated several thousand patients. There is no doubt that some of the babies would have died without treatment," said Quall.

In a tiny shack packed with sweating bodies, the students learned how to give shots, take blood pressure readings and pass out medications on their first day. "I remember just thinking, wow, this is what medical missionaries across the world do every day," said Porter.

In St. Joseph's Hospital, Whitworth students **Rachel Densley** and **Jeff Arnold** met an 11-year-old girl dying of meningitis. She kept grinding her teeth, but she could not talk. Densley and Arnold asked the mother what her daughter wanted, and she said, "She just wants a drop of water on her lips because they are so dry." There was nothing they could do to help the little girl, except talk and pray.

The medical teams treated mostly patients with malaria, though worms, scabies, conjunctivitis, dysentery, typhoid and

yellow fever also cropped up.

One of the Californians, Dr. Aleman, probed the stomach of a tearful little boy named Joshua, and took his temperature. One hundred five degrees. Joshua's diagnosis of malaria, yellow fever and worms required a shot, which a student gave to the wailing child. The student handed Joshua's mother the medicine, and hoped she understood the instructions.

"As with any trip like this one, I think we learned more from the people than we helped them," said Porter.

This group was the third that Quall and McCall have led to Kenya, but it was the first group of Whitworth students. "Out of the three groups, this one was basically off the wall. This group was not afraid," said Quall. Students prayed, changed bandages, gave shots and taught children how to sing in English.

Sam Ayler, a member of the ministry team, promised to pray for so many men and women in a village that when it came time for the team to leave, there were still people waiting for prayers. He promised he

would return. Back at the main camp, the leaders told Sam that they could not fund a return trip to a village 200 miles away. Ayler dug into his own wallet, and rode the distance on public transport to keep his promise.

Three students from the ministry team feasted on goat meat with the Luia tribe, and their stomachs reacted violently. Within two hours all three of them were vomiting and suffering from dysentery. Despite their experience, they continued to eat all the food that they were offered, and all developed iron digestive systems.

But the students brought back unforgettable experiences. Densley and Arnold will never forget the girl dying of meningitis, and Porter distinctly remembers that first little boy who touched her.

"I'm aware that there is so much going on out there. When I think about all that is going on in the world, I feel so small here in this one tiny town in Washington," said Porter. "This trip intensified my desire to travel abroad, and to help people in Third-World countries."



Photo courtesy of Bob Quall

*Senior **Tony Billingsley** examines a patient in Kenya. The Whitworth students helped treat several thousand patients during their trip.*



The means may change — but the end remains the same

A couple of years ago, I used this space to talk about technology and what I see as its appropriate role in a liberal arts education. And since that time, the invasion of technology on the Whitworth College campus has continued at a staggering pace. To say that our technological advances have outpaced our understanding of how to live in this new electronic world is an understatement. Now I'd like to give you an update on what I see as the opportunities and threats associated with the computer world, and what they may mean for Whitworth.

I suppose the first thing to say about the opportunities associated with academic technology is that they stretch beyond what we are capable of imagining. Our students now have instant access to resources around the globe, and the notion of "distance" has become obsolete in obtaining information. Last night I entered the Whitworth College library web site and in 30 seconds was checking out some works in the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Twenty seconds later, I looked up the phone number of a friend of mine in Illinois. If a technological Cro-Magnon like me can beam up very specific information from around the world, imagine what our technologically facile students can do.

Technology is also a powerful communication tool. One of our trustees, David Myers, '64, is probably the leading psychology textbook writer in the country. So when the students in Professor Noel Wescombe's psychology classes want to chat with the author of their textbook, Dr. Myers enters the course web crossing and provides immediate answers to the questions our students are raising for the writer of their textbook.

Another opportunity made available through technology is related to the cost of providing instruction. I expect a day

will come when like-minded colleges and universities will share teaching resources in a very cost-effective way. It is also likely that as our technological pedagogy improves, students will learn information through electronic means, and the role of professors will move more toward helping students understand, interpret, apply and integrate information. This usage would allow technology not only to reduce costs, but to retain what I believe is its rightful place in a liberal arts education — as a supplement to, rather than a substitute for, professors.

But technology also presents tremendous challenges to the values we uphold as a learning community. One of the dark sides of this new electronic world is that we may be raising a generation of isolationists. It is amazing how many hours young people now spend staring at a screen. In the Earth's first days, God looked down on a perfectly created world that had not yet been contaminated by sin and still saw one thing that wasn't good: being alone. I think we are wired to function in community and I fear that virtual communities won't cut it. I heard a professor in computer science at another institution tell about a student who had recreated himself in a virtual community on the web. The student found himself spending more time in his virtual world than in the real world because he likes his virtual self better. I don't think we've begun to grasp some of the anti-social behaviors that will originate in this new electronic society.

Closely related to the isolationism that can result from the seductive influence of technology is the instant access it provides to almost unimaginable evil. Probably the saddest letter I've received at Whitworth came from a student who, using the pseudonym "Joe Whitworth," told of just having spent a long night being bitterly defeated by the lure of

Internet pornography. Tired, sad and feeling guilty, this student urged me to look for ways to help others avoid this type of temptation. Our student life staff, student leaders and technology experts are working together to empower and protect our students in dealing with these hideous influences.

Finally, I fear that technology woos us into redefining learning in a subtle but diminishing way. As I prepared to teach my first college class 20 years ago at the University of Pittsburgh, I had been taught that learning takes place on three levels: the new information one learns; the new attitudes one develops; and the new behaviors that become a part of one's life. In the sessions on academic technology I have attended over the past two years, I have found a disturbing trend of defining education only in terms of the transmission and acquisition of information. My point in raising this caution is that we have to be vigilant in making sure that learning "channels," such as academic technology, maintain their place as means to ends. When means are so powerful, attractive and accessible that they begin to tell us what the ends should be, we need to examine our fundamental goals and purposes.

It's an exciting world, folks. We at Whitworth are thrilled with the opportunities afforded by technology. The way we provide education will never be the same; it will be better. But we must urge our students to ask not only, "What can I learn about the Gospel of Jesus Christ?" They must now also ask the question, "What does the Gospel of Jesus Christ say about how I learn?" The next few years should be interesting.

Bill Robinson

SOUTH AFRICAN SEASONS

By Gordon Jackson Photographs by Stephen Brashear,
Carrie Wasser and Gordon Jackson

For our students, it began as just another meeting on the Jan-Term study tour. Waiting in the lobby of the main office of South Africa's Hewlett-Packard subsidiary, they knew from the air of crisp efficiency that we'd soon be talking with one more suit-and-tie authority, who'd give us one more set of insights on this complex and fascinating land. Although I'd told them about Maseko Nxumalo, it was only in the next 90 minutes that the group would learn how, unlike anyone else we would see in South Africa, he was one of us.

Maseko, a 1989 Whitworth graduate who had come to the United States as a refugee from South Africa, unwittingly did several things that Thursday afternoon. He gave Whitworth students a personal link and connection to a land in which they were strangers. Unlike anyone else we'd met, he was one of us. Here was someone who told us of problems with roommates in Arend Hall. Of flunking his first test at Whitworth. Of finding Whitworth so quiet that, as he put it, "one had no choice but to study." And of how, as a young black man who had fled apartheid South Africa as a refugee in 1976, he slowly learned that despite his loneliness in being one of the few black faces on campus, the Whitworth College community would provide an acceptance he never knew could be possible from whites.

Unlike many black South African exiles, Maseko never doubted that his home country would one day be free of apartheid, and he never lost sight of his goal to return home — which he achieved 17 months ago. This Whitworth business major, equipped also with an M.B.A. from Seattle Pacific University, is now part of the new South Africa. His suit and tie, and his senior position as an accountant with a

major corporation, provided the deepest of ironies as he described how he had fled the country as a young revolutionary two decades before, a 17-year-old running from the police whom he feared "would do their worst." Now, like thousands of Whitworth alumni in the United States and around the world who are playing a part in God's kingdom, he is contributing to a South Africa in critical need of help. He showed our students that in a land where there's much cause for pessimism, men and women like himself are working in hope. And as he described for the students the fulfillment his homecoming has brought him, he paradoxically showed me a different season in my own life.

Maseko Nxumalo is home, but part of him is still at Whitworth College; the students are back in the classroom, but parts of their souls remain in South Africa. And as I think of Whitworth's ties to this distant land where I grew up, I see mirrored the seamlessness of God's world and His people. That wholeness is like the seasons, which, despite dramatic variations, make up a unity that's hard to see at any given moment. As I try to reflect on what this past January meant for 21 of us traveling 2,500 miles through South Africa, I keep coming back to the seasons. This story begins where winter ends.



Like this slogan-bedecked fence in a black community outside Cape Town, almost everything in South Africa seems politicized and stamped with the legacy of the apartheid era.

WINTER AND SPRING

For most South Africans, the winter years that apartheid represented are gone. Officially, the long dark days of that era ended three years ago. The country's first democratic, multi-racial election, in April 1994, and Nelson Mandela's fairy-tale ascent to the presidency formally brought closure to one of the most disastrous social engineering experiments the world has seen. Now, as the long winter nights have shortened and more is to be seen by day, white South Africans and the outside world

have learned just how brutal and oppressive was the system that dominated the country for four decades. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission, headed by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Desmond Tutu, has surfaced a series of horrific details of government-initiated murder and torture in the cause of apartheid.

Coping with this litany of human suffering is, however, only one of apartheid's legacies. Jan Term exposed us to a numbing list of social and economic problems, ranging from rampant poverty and unemployment and a consequently soaring crime rate, to seemingly



While theoretically free from apartheid, children like these in the Langa community near Cape Town live in an impoverished environment that has changed little since the elections.

overwhelming needs in housing, education and health care. Certainly, South Africa would today still have problems aplenty even if the Nationalist government hadn't subjected the country to apartheid, beginning in 1948. But one can only guess how much worse they are — both because of 40 years of lost opportunity, and due to economic and social policies that now require a massive catch-up program.

Like those of us still recovering from last November's historic ice storm that hit Spokane, South Africa has moved beyond the winter, but the damage remains. As much as anything, the

country's prospects for continuing its democratic trajectory depend on economic recovery. Estimates of unemployment that we heard ranged widely, and are affected by regional differences or whether people are making a living in the informal sector. But whether the estimate is 60 percent, the figure we heard for the Eastern Cape city of Grahamstown, or the national average estimated between 30 percent to 50 percent, no one disputes the need to create opportunities for a relentlessly expanding pool of job seekers.

Dr. Pieter Haasbroek, an economist, told our group that in 1995 South Africa's economy could absorb only 10 percent of those entering the job market.

In the wake of such figures, crime has soared. Automobile hijackings and other property crimes are endemic in the Johannesburg area, whose affluent suburbs are more collections of individual mini-fortresses than neighborhood communities. Crime is everywhere, though. "People live in terrible, terrible fear," said Thelma Henderson, director of

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an impressive cluster of social improvement projects in Grahamstown. Nor is the lawlessness limited to property crime. In what some see as a sign of a society severely disoriented by change, South Africa is said to have the world's highest per capita number of rapes.

Our students heard much about the problems facing South Africa. Predictions of gloom came from disgruntled or even overtly racist whites. But even sympathetic and thoughtful critics of the government were blunt about the country's challenges.

Other problems facing South Africa have arisen from attempts to fix the wrongs of the apartheid era. An extensive affirmative action program, to bring blacks into government and private sector jobs in unprecedented numbers, has met with predictable hostility from whites, who stand to lose most (and forget that for centuries they had a highly efficient affirma-

tive action system of their own). But Coloureds — people of mixed race — and Asians also have felt discriminated against in the new dispensation.

Besides the economic problems, another major challenge facing the government is to help establish a democratic culture in a society that for decades was steeped in intolerance and flagrant disregard for human rights. The government's long-term well-being depends partly on how well it can satisfy a constituency demanding jobs, housing, electricity, schools, health care and a cluster of other expectations. An electorate that has a history of only one election, however, and a legacy of widespread intolerance

across racial and political lines, isn't yet practiced in the political give-and-take that marks more seasoned western democracies. Despite its remarkable transition to a democratic political order three years ago, South Africa is still strewn with the anti-democratic debris of the apartheid years.

Newsweek correspondent Joshua Hammer has said that "Given the challenges it faces, South Africa's most vital national resource may be optimism." After hearing wave after wave of grim economic figures and tales of families hit by crime, and seeing up close the squalor of a squatter camp near Cape Town, it was not only South Africa that needed such optimism. Our students did, too. Fortunately, they learned that hope was abundantly intertwined with the gloom that daily marked our discoveries of this complex land. This curious mix prompted one of our juniors to write in her journal at the end of our stay, "I alternately hate and love this country."

As sobered as our group was by the grim realities of South Africa's apartheid legacy, so too were our students buoyed by the spirit of reconciliation that we encountered. While blacks had ample justification for seeking retribution for the wrongs of apartheid, they were instead preoccupied with reconciliation and national healing. This was largely due to the leadership and stature of Nelson Mandela. Again and again, we heard testimonials to Mandela's graciousness and spirit of forgiveness. In Johannesburg, a black senior government official who was tortured told us that, after the election, he recognized his torturer in a store, and made a point of going up to him and saying he'd forgiven him.

It struck us too how little South Africans are fixated on their past. Yes, we kept hearing what life had been like before, but the emphasis everywhere was on tomorrow. What made this spirit of optimism especially noteworthy was its ready recognition of reality. These South Africans looking with enthusiasm to an improved future weren't fooling themselves; they knew far better than we the difficulties they faced. One felt, if the new South Africa is to succeed, the people who will make it happen are already bringing that about.



This black woman, on a wine estate in the Stellenbosch area, presents an incongruous contrast as she carries a load on her head in the traditional way in a region known for sophisticated wines exported around the world.

South Africans across the political spectrum speak with pride about the progress they've made toward a democratic order. Repeatedly, we heard about the work that is needed to continue educating people on what is required to make a democracy work. Eric Apelgren, an official with the Institute for Democratic Alternatives for South Africa, warned that after the "big" election of 1994, voter interest in subsequent local elections was significantly lower. Continued work on voter registration, therefore, was part of the ongoing task of democratization, he said.

A key tool that South Africans plan to use toward that end is its new constitution. Ratified last year, this document is one of the world's most democratic constitutions, we were frequently and proudly told, and it promises generous human rights protections. So far, both in spirit and in law, these rights are being upheld. For example, journalists we met were unanimous in acknowledging the new press freedom they experienced in the post-apartheid era.

Peter Sullivan, editor of *The Star*, Johannesburg's leading daily, said he doesn't know of any legal constraints on the media. "I operate as if none of these laws exist," he said.

The days, then, are getting longer and warmer. Much that is good marks the new South Africa. Few South Africans we met live under any illusions about the magnitude of the difficulties ahead. But they derive much comfort

from the knowledge that winter — nay, not just winter, but a veritable ice age — is behind them. Spring is palpably in the air.




SUMMER AND FALL

Somehow summer is a time of fulfillment, the kind of fulfillment we found in Maseko Nxumalo. During our visit, we found a man who'd come home — both physically and spiritually. He told us: "I feel complete here. I wouldn't trade this place with another." This Whitworth graduate is returning the benefits of his own education to the community where he grew up by volunteering in the school he attended. Among other things, he tries to get books for children studying in a system that's nominally free of apartheid but which still feels its aftereffects. While government benefits and services are now spread more equally, in areas like education they end up being spread pretty thin. The resources are simply too limited to meet people's expectations. In the new South Africa, he said, "people expect the government to do everything." It is the returned exiles like Maseko and the millions more who never left South Africa, black and white, who are vital in

shaping its future. He and the others are about their work. For him, it is good to be where he is.

While Maseko's return to South Africa brought him closure as he realized he had finally come home after 19 years, this Jan-Term taught me something else: I finally had to admit that the country where I'd lived my first 29 years was no longer home. For me, the leaves were turning yellow; a season in my life had ended. The South Africa in which I grew up, and which was so urgently needing change, was gone.

This was the first time I'd been back to South Africa since the 1994 elections. (My previous visit was when I led Whitworth's first study group, three months before the historic vote that year.) The single



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most noteworthy change I detected was the sense of normality. Despite the indoctrination of the apartheid years, white South Africans like me were seeing that South Africa's Chicken Little was plain wrong: the country had a black majority government, and the sky had not fallen. On the contrary, there was something freeing in feeling for the first time, as a white, that I didn't have some obligation to justify, explain or apologize for a white government and white domination.

That change was profoundly welcome. But quite apart from that unprecedented sense of normality, I felt increasingly I didn't belong. In one way after another, I realized that I am no longer one of those millions of strands that make up the richly textured cloth that is South Africa's population. A new culture has arisen during the nearly 18 years I've lived away from South Africa, a culture that has changed more quickly than even my frequent visits have enabled me to master.

Some differences are tangible. The language, for instance. South African English now includes a vocabulary born only in recent years. New celebrities are featured in the media and personal conversations. Television shows I've never heard

of are acclaimed or denounced. Unlike Rip van Winkle, I don't feel I've missed out entirely on 20 years. But it's as if I've taken too many naps in the past two decades to know South Africa properly.

A more fundamental quality that I find increasingly sets me apart from South Africa's 45 million blacks, whites, Coloureds and Asians is that, unlike them, I have not lived through what they have. I haven't shared firsthand the euphoria that marked the 1994 elections. Or known the anguish, rage and fear that accompanied the assassination of a popular black leader, Chris Hani. Quite simply, I cannot tell, except perhaps as a well-informed tourist, what

it's truly like to be South African today.

I realize too that, despite my abiding concern for South Africa and its people, there is little I can contribute to its well-being and future. Oh, I shall continue with my research on the media, and I shall keep going back. The roots go too deep for me not to. But with each visit I expect I shall increasingly feel less and less South African.

All this has nothing to do with my ongoing love for the land of my birth, and my concern for its future. Both those qualities remain. What has changed, though, is the land and its people. As the leaves continue to turn color, I look to the past, and the summer days of closeness to the land that are now part of Maseko but are no longer mine. As I look to the future, I know that as long as I stay in the United States, the days will grow shorter and shorter, and I shall understand my homeland less and less.

South Africa, though, will not let me go. And because I grudgingly accept the ancient wisdom of Heraclitus that "There is nothing permanent except change," I am coming to terms with the change in seasons. What remains constant are the joys of visiting family and lifelong friends and seeing the natural beauty that constantly astonished and thrilled our group. As a student myself of this fascinating land, I can keep observing its continued movement into the post-apartheid era. Likewise, I have the honor of seeing an amazing range of people, in all sorts of ways, utterly committed to making a better South Africa. With those benefits, I guess I can cope with the increasingly chilly days of fall, put on my coat and head back once again.

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MASEKO NXUMALO

A HOMECOMING

Let me explain why I choked up when Maseko Nxumalo handed me the photo of my children that he'd been carrying in his wallet since I'd seen him about three years before in Seattle. It happened during our remarkable Jan-Term encounter: a 90-minute meeting with a Whitworth alumnus whose journey had taken him from Johannesburg as a refugee from apartheid two decades before, when as a 17-year-old schoolboy he fled a police force charged with the ruthless enforcement of a system of racial segregation.

Maseko, who is one of the gentlest, most soft-spoken people you'll meet anywhere, had made the wanted list for speaking out against the system. He was forced to flee his country.

After nine years as an exile in Botswana and other African countries, Maseko made his way to Whitworth. Maseko came from nowhere when he arrived as a freshman at Whitworth in 1985. Still sought by the police back home, he had to travel on a United Nations passport. He had had the chance to study accounting while in Botswana, and also got some practical experience working as a bookkeeper before arriving in Spokane. But it was in 1985, thanks to the help of the New York-based African-American Institute and Whitworth Political Studies Professor John Yoder, that Maseko got the chance to begin a college education. So it was that Maseko, then age 26, and another black South African refugee joined the Whitworth community as highly atypical freshmen that fall.

That's when he met my wife, Sue, and me. It's only as our friendship grew in the years that followed that I learned how deep was his suspicion and wariness toward us. We saw him as a fellow South African; to him we represented the very system that he'd fled nine years before. It must have seemed that even in this remote part of the United States, where a new chapter was to unfold in his life, even here he could not avoid living symbols of an oppressed past.

No doubt his acceptance by the Whitworth community, which helped him see that whites weren't inherently hostile, helped pave the way for his gradual warming toward us. But given the legacy of discrimination he and millions of other black South Africans knew as normality, it was an

extraordinary tribute to his character that he was willing to give us a chance. Slowly, then, the friendship took hold. Dinners in our home. Next came the connection with our children, Sarah, who was born the year he arrived at Whitworth, and Matthew, born when Maseko was a junior. On both he bestowed a generous and genuine affection.

For me, our friendship was sealed in spring 1989, when Maseko asked me, on behalf of the Class of 1989, to give that year's baccalaureate address. The invitation would have been an honor from anyone. But coming from Maseko, it was a request packed with meaning. To be introduced in Cowles Auditorium that Commencement weekend as "my friend Gordon Jackson" was as rich a compliment as any Whitworth student has ever paid me.

By now, Maseko had married Mokashane, whom he had met while in exile in Botswana. After his graduation, they headed to Seattle, where he completed an M.B.A. at Seattle Pacific University. We spoke by phone and visited each other when we could. All the while, however, he never doubted that South Africa would be free and his goal was clear: he was heading home, and he was readying himself for that moment. As he said during our meeting this January, since fleeing the country in 1976, "Every step I was taking I was taking for South Africa," he said. When he was studying, he said, "it was for South Africa."

When the De Klerk administration took office in South Africa in 1989, the political stage suddenly showed signs of hope. With Nelson Mandela's release and the moves toward normal-



1989 Whitworth graduate Maseko Nxumalo, now an accountant with Hewlett-Packard's South African subsidiary, represents the face of the new South Africa.

izing politics in February 1990, Maseko and thousands of others who had left South Africa over the decades began wondering whether going home might soon become possible. In the years that followed, and especially after South Africa's first democratic election in April 1994, that's exactly what happened. For Maseko, that return came on August 16 the next year. For the second time in two decades, Maseko crossed the border between South Africa and Botswana. This time, he did so legally and knowingly.

His return was fraught with meaning and deliberation. About 4 p.m. that day, his mother and brother, who had come to meet him in Botswana, crossed the border ahead of him. The return was something he needed to do alone. It was time, he said, "to close a chapter and start a new life." Midway across the bridge, he stopped, turned around and waved goodbye to the country that had given him sanctuary as a youth, and was serving as the springboard for a new life now. Then he knelt down and said a prayer. Finally, after 19 years, Maseko Nxumalo had come home.

His re-entry wasn't without pain: the home where he grew up was unrecognizable, he said, "and nobody knew me. I couldn't recognize old friends." But Maseko was home. What's more, that photo told me, part of the world that was now his home included a link to Whitworth, through my family and me. For a Whitworth professor, the rewards don't get any better than that.

— Gordon Jackson

THE CELLO REMAINS IN THE BASEMENT. It is there as both a symbol of hope and a reminder that the journey back is not complete. With its thick strings stretching high across the fingerboard, the cello is one of the most difficult of musical instruments to play, and Tim Hornor used to play it beautifully. But he has not yet regained the finger strength or dexterity to play the instrument that once held the promise of a career in music for him. The cello remains the unreachable summit of a remarkable climb that began four years ago when he was a senior at Mead High School and first cellist in the Spokane Youth Symphony, and will culminate in his walk across the Spokane Opera House stage this month to receive his diploma from Whitworth.

As a senior at Mead High School, Tim thought he had his lot in life pretty well surveyed. A strong all-around student, Tim was accepted to Baylor University, where he planned to study pre-med and music. He wanted to be a cello-playing doctor.

But those plans all changed on May 15, 1993. It was his 18th birthday and Tim was hanging out with some friends in Spokane's Holmberg Park. As he sat on the grass talking to his buddies, his life turned on a dime. A friend who was doing backflips nearby came too close and accidentally landed with full force on the back of Tim's neck. The sudden impact snapped his head forward violently. "I didn't get knocked out but I instantly felt all the sensation leave my body," Tim recalls. "I couldn't move anything or feel anything, but I was conscious; and I knew immediately I was paralyzed." But amid the horror of that moment, Tim said he was seized with a sense of inner peace and God's presence. "I instantly knew I was paralyzed, but at the same time I knew I was going to be OK."

Tim's parents, Rick, an associate professor of theatre at Whitworth, and Susan, an elementary school teacher in Spokane, found out about the accident only a few minutes after it happened. They got into their car and headed for Sacred Heart Medical Center. "When we got to the emergency room, we realized this was really serious," Rick Hornor said. Tim was paralyzed from the neck down. Yet the anxious hours in the emergency room that followed the accident brought defining moments of faith. Both Rick and Susan Hornor say their worst fears were assuaged by God in different, yet unmistakable messages. "Neither of us heard the audible voice of God, but the Lord spoke very clearly to us and said, 'when the bandages are removed there will be neither stench nor decay, but only fullness of life,'" Rick Hornor tearfully recalls. Words, images and emotions — none fully tangible by themselves — blended into a vision of hope and reassurance that God's hand would repair the irreparable.

Nevertheless, the diagnosis was sobering. An MRI revealed that the accident had shattered Tim's C-5 vertebrae, sending bone splinters into the surrounding tissue and damaging his spinal cord, and doctors gave him a one-in-10,000 chance of ever moving a muscle below his neck again. Surgery to mend and stabilize his spinal column took place the next day. Doctors took a portion of bone from Tim's hip to fuse the fourth and sixth vertebrae together. A titanium plate was then inserted to strengthen the new structure. It was all that could be done. And worse, the surgery revealed that the damage to Tim's spinal cord was more severe than the MRI indicated. Suddenly, the one-in-10,000 odds of regaining movement seemed optimistic.

"The doctor, who was a wonderful man, took Susan and me aside and told us that we needed to do what we needed to do to be a strength to Tim because he would be a quadriplegic for life," Rick Hornor recalls. Yet

A Revised

FOUR YEARS AGO,
a freak accident had
all but sentenced
Tim Hornor to life
as a quadriplegic.
This month, he'll walk
across the Spokane
Opera House stage to
receive his diploma.

BY TIM WOLF

the Hornors had sought a second opinion. "That's the medical report," they told the doctor. "We're going to stand by our report from God that our son will be restored."

The ensuing days offered little reason for hope. As with all patients with severe spinal cord injuries in the upper vertebrae, Tim had tremendous trouble breathing. He developed pneumonia, and his right lung collapsed. It was becoming clear that Tim, like 99 percent of all patients with C-5 breaks, would be placed on a respirator. And while Tim's medical condition appeared to worsen, Rick and Susan weren't scoring any points with the hospital's social worker by holding fast to their belief that their son would be restored from his injury. In fact, one of the psychologist's instructions on Tim's medical report suggested that, as Rick Hornor paraphrases it, "Tim needed to be protected from his parents because they had no grasp of reality and were holding out false hope for recovery."

It was about this time that things began to turn around. By the 13th day, Tim's lungs had cleared up and it was clear that the respirator would not be needed. Most astonishingly, the normal involuntary muscle spasms in Tim's legs gave way to a sliver of sensation and voluntary movement in his feet. "I felt a spasm and then I was able to move my feet," Tim said. "The physical therapist walked in Monday morning and I told her, 'The craziest thing happened — I woke up this morning and I could do this.'" Tim moves his feet. "I remember the look on her face; she didn't know how to react."

In the hours that followed, Tim regained enough sensation and movement in his legs to lift his feet off the bed. "I heard a rumor that you've got some movement back — are you sure it's not muscle spasms?" the

Script



Photo by Tim Wolf

surgeon asked. Tim moved his feet. "It looks like you've got an angel on your shoulder," the surgeon told him. "That's the closest he ever came to saying the 'm' word," Tim recalls. The next day, Tim left intensive care, spent four days in the neuro ward, and then began rehabilitation. "Nobody had ever seen anything like it before," Tim said.

Despite the remarkable speed of his recovery, the idea of Tim participating in the Mead High School commencement ceremony barely three weeks after the accident still seemed far-fetched. Yet that was Tim's goal, and he achieved it by wheeling himself up a ramp to the stage in a wheelchair. There wasn't a dry eye in the place. Later that evening, when Rick Hornor brought Tim back to his hospital room, a soul-scraping recognition of all that had happened and all that lay ahead came crashing down on both of them. The two sat weeping in each other's arms, shedding tears of joy over Tim's restoration, tears of wonder for God's healing grace, and tears of trepidation about what the future held. "What will be my goal now?" Tim tearfully asked his father.

It didn't take Tim too long to answer that question. "It changed the direction of my life," Tim said. "It seems pretty clear to me now that I wasn't supposed to go to Baylor. And although my experience with the doctors and nurses was great, I came out of the hospital with a clearer understanding of what doctors do on a daily basis, and it really didn't interest me." So instead of packing it up and heading for Baylor, Tim enrolled at Whitworth. Still wearing a neck brace, he moved into Baldwin-Jenkins as a freshman in the fall of 1993. "At first I thought I might go to Whitworth for a year, then transfer to Baylor," he said. "But by the end of the year, I loved the friends I made here, I loved the classes I took — I loved Whitworth." Today he still feels some effects from his injury —

his range of motion and strength aren't what they used to be, his gait shows a bit of ungainliness, and he's still hoping for improvement with his fine motor control. And, of course, no water skiing, doctor's orders.

It's ironic that had it not been for the accident, Tim might never have discovered other talents within himself. "On a whim, I tried out for the spring theatre production my freshman year, Moliere's *Imaginary Invalid*, and I ended up receiving the best supporting actor award at that spring's Honors Forum." Since that time, Tim has enjoyed leading roles in several Whitworth Theatre productions. "So many doors have been opened for me because of this," Tim said. "And like so many of us, I focused on just one of my talents and made my decisions about my life before God did."

Tim is unsure what his path will be after graduation. It's a healthy uncertainty. He will travel in the fall to Egypt and Jerusalem. A career path? Tim is seriously thinking about following in his father's footsteps by teaching drama. In order to improve his finger strength and dexterity, Tim has taken up the guitar. And though the cello remains in its case, Tim brings it out every once in awhile — it is a source of both frustration and inspiration. But Tim doesn't have any complaints. If and when he does play the cello again, it will not be for an audience of black-tied Dvorak fans; he will play it "to honor God."

"I feel in many ways I have an advantage over so many of the people I'm graduating with because I've gone through an experience like this," he said. "I'm really unconcerned about my future well-being; God's been so faithful to me in such dire times that I know things are going to be OK."

by Terry Rayburn Mitchell

MORE *than a profession*

Whitworth's Certification for Ministry program prepares students for lives of service

Senior John Rasmussen doubted his decision to enter Whitworth's Certification for Ministry program only once. As he attempted to enter the main building at Spokane's Geiger Correctional Facility, where he interned as an assistant to the chaplain, a guard stopped him and told him to go around to the back. "That was the first time they'd ever told me to do that," said Rasmussen. "But I figured, okay, I can go around to the back."

When he approached the rear door of the building, two more guards stopped him, asked him several questions, and made noises about a strip search. Rasmussen told the guards that he was a Whitworth College student and an intern at the prison, and the guards apologized; they'd thought he was an inmate returning to the facility.

Students preparing for prison ministry had better be ready for almost anything — but the same is true of youth leaders and family pastors and hospital chaplains. And Whitworth's Certification for Ministry program can be a first step toward each of those professions and toward a hundred other church-related occupations, as well. This innovative program, which most participants pursue during their junior and senior years at Whitworth, prepares students for the practical as well as the theoretical side of ministry — and for living a life in which ministry to others is an everyday reality rather than just a professional goal.

Dottie Mohrlang, a member of the Certification for Ministry team who seeks out and supervises internships for CFM students, said that the CFM staff wants students to understand what min-



CFM student John Rasmussen (left) with his mentor, Steve Wilson, at Geiger Correctional Facility. Rasmussen calls Wilson "a very wise and prayerful man."

istry is all about. "We try to teach students that ministry is not just a thing to do; it's a way of life," said Mohrlang. And for those who do choose ministry as a career, the Whitworth program provides an invaluable resource for the church community. "For instance, we have all kinds of requests for people to go into professional youth ministry right out of college," Mohrlang said. "For instance, churches want people who are young, who are close in age to their youth group members, but who are skilled in ministry."

The thing that sets Whitworth's program apart, said Mohrlang, is the excellence of its staff. "I think we're in a unique position to provide what churches are looking for," she said. "We've got tremendously skilled people who under-

stand and serve the needs of churches. In fact, all of our teachers have been in or are now in ministry outside the college. So there's a tremendous linkage, plus they're excellent teachers."

Rasmussen agrees with Mohrlang's assessment of the CFM faculty. "We have incredible teachers. Jerry Sittser and Ron Pyle are part of the faculty here, and they teach some of the certification classes, and then we get to take courses from Jim Singleton [senior pastor at Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church] and Jeanne Walsh [director of family ministries at Spokane's First Presbyterian Church], who has a new family ministry course that's one of my favorites so far."

Rasmussen also praises Mohrlang's work. "Dottie runs the internship program, and she just does an incredible job of placing people and finding the kinds of positions they want for ministry," he said. "She knew that I was interested in troubled-youth

ministries, and so she went out and found me the prison chaplaincy internship [at Geiger]. I spent a year out there, and I was challenged beyond belief."

The internship, required of all program participants, is another distinguishing

feature of the CFM. The practical work of the internship is combined with a theological component, the Theology of Ministry course, that allows students to study, discuss and pray about the work they're pursuing. And the internships also provide mentors for each of the CFM students. As Rasmussen said, "My mentor, Geiger Chaplain Steve Wilson, is a very

wise and prayerful man who pushed me to do stuff at Geiger that I would never have thought I was ready to do." Within just a few weeks of his arrival on the Geiger scene, Rasmussen was giving sermons at prison worship services, and one memorable Sunday morning he received a phone call from Wilson. "He was sick, and he called to tell me that I'd be in charge of worship that day — including communion, the sermon, the laying on of hands, and running the service — and the fact that he had faith in me, that he knew I could do it, just pushed me to get it done."

Rasmussen said that he sees his internship as ideal, both from a personal perspective and from the perspective of the CFM program. "They don't want you just watching. They want you involved in the ministry, and they want you to learn," he said.

Associate Professor of Religion Jerry Sittser, who founded the Certification for Ministry program in the early 1990s, said the shared needs of church and college provided impetus for the program. "A number of things made me believe that it was necessary and that it would work," he said. "The church was looking for experienced, competent youth workers and other young, enthusiastic leaders; we had a strong desire to prepare our students for post-graduation jobs; and we believed that a certification program grounded in a distinctive Whitworth education would be excellent for both our students and the church."

Sittser and the other founders also wanted to create a program that was rooted in a liberal arts major, but that would prepare people for full-time ministry. The certification program, which comprises six courses and an internship, is different from either a major or a minor in religion at Whitworth; its intent is to involve

students in practical courses that will prepare them for ministry after they have already been educated about the historical, theological and cultural context in which ministry takes place.

The program's strength and distinctiveness stem from the fact

that it is founded upon an entire liberal arts curriculum already in place. It grows out of that curriculum, as, for example, the teacher certification program builds upon an academic major to prepare graduates for the teaching profession.

The CFM has lived up to Sittser's expectations. "I love this program," he said. "It brings together the world of theory and practice and does it well. It is academically rigorous, and

it provides opportunities for theological reflection as well as for practical assignments." Finally, he said, "It allows some students to realize that they *don't* want to go into the professional ministry, and that saves them and the larger Christian community a lot of time and money. If a student realizes that ministry is a way of life, we don't feel that the decision to forgo professional ministry is a failure on our part or the student's."

Rasmussen has decided that he does want to go into professional ministry, and he already has an offer to do so. "First Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, wants to hire me to start a college ministry for Rice University," he said. "I'm also looking

at working in a troubled-youth center in Colorado Springs, which would be for a year. That's the kind of ministry I really want to do. And then I'd probably go on to a chaplaincy in a juvenile center."

Graduates of the Whitworth program have had no trouble finding jobs.

Robin Garvin, pastor of Spokane's Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church, said that good word-of-mouth about Whitworth would convince her to consider hiring a CFM grad, even if she hadn't heard of the program. "I'd do it," she said, "because Whitworth, and its religion department in particular, has such a positive reputation. It would make a statement to me about the competence of the students if they'd received certification from Whitworth."

Garvin added, "But I am involved in the program, and I know the students, and their competence is not competence in the hypothetical; it's competence in practice. These students are the cream of the crop, and every year their level of depth and ability and commitment deepens. These students are the very best. I'd hire a CFM grad in a minute."



Certification students meet at the home of Dean of the Chapel Terry McGonigal to discuss their internships and to pray for each other and for the people they serve.

Photo by Carrie Wassen

"Ministry is not just a thing to do; it's a way of life."

THE BOOKSHELF



Common Fire Lives of Commitment in a Complex World

by Daloz, Keen, Keen,
and Parks
Boston: Beacon Press
1996

Common Fire is about stories and patterns. The four authors, including Whitworth graduate and former chaplain Sharon Daloz Parks, '64, gathered the stories of more than 100 people who work for the common good. The patterns that form the structure of the book come from these stories.

In the midst of these chapters on the seminal characteristics common among these people are two interludes, two stories unmarked by authorial commentary. Nothing convinces a reader more than a story.

The first of these interludes is about Roy Matthews and Passages, an organization that places college students of color as interns within businesses. But the story is more about who and what made Roy Matthews the person he is. This story is also about one of the interns. And the story is a case study, an illustration of those virtues presented in a linear fashion in the preceding chapters. It is a story about compassion and belief, about opportunity and economic justice.

The results of this study are manifold, and a review could be exhausted listing the various virtues and influences that promote caring work done for others.

One of the most significant is the idea of the commons, "a shared, public space". The "hospitable spaces"—ballparks, libraries, zoos—are places where individuals are nurtured. These spaces are safe; they are havens from worry and fear. Home may be one such commons. A day-care center, a church, a college may provide the commons experience. These environments and "threshold people" are two of the master patterns for shaping people who "practice commitment as a way of life."

Threshold people may be parents, neighbors, pastors, teachers. Mentors who guide and support, spouses, siblings, professional colleagues who encourage growth and vision, as well as provide good company for the pilgrimage: all are threshold people.

For many of the pilgrims, the journey is toward feeling at home with divergent views, with ambiguity—toward feeling at home in the world at large.

The stories of ethical formation are not limited to the two extended interludes. There are story pockets within the analysis. The authors cite Douglas Huneke in *The Moses of Rovno*, who tells the story of Fritz Graebe's moral development. Whenever Graebe's mother would ask him about "someone in distress or [in] an unjust situation," she would say, "And you, Fritz, what would you do?" This question, presumably asked over and over in different contexts, gave the adult Graebe the courage, the moral fabric during the Holocaust, to rescue several hundred Jews.

Some of the interviewees had remarkable experiences with public figures, experiences that changed these people forever. One person spoke of meeting Indira Gandhi, who said that Jawaharlal Nehru, her father, "used to look up at the stars and say, 'Do you see those stars? Those stars, they are

free. Do not ever rest until your people, like those stars, are free.'" And that passion was passed on.

There is much to be said here, too, about critical thinking, about meaning-making.

Many of those who work for the good of others make meaning out of their own suffering. There may have been safe places and nurturing adults, but there may also have been deep wounds that act as catalysts.

The authors write that "The wound matters less than the form of healing, for the way in which the surrounding social fabric holds us affects the meaning that we make of our suffering—as inconsequential or significant, our own fault or the result of larger forces, a burden to bear alone or one that others may help us to carry."

The authors write about people who "live those struggles well."

This book is a study of what is, has been, and could be a plan for the future. The epilogue offers the distillation of the lessons as programs for the benefit of higher education and for religious institutions, for example.

Where better to forge new commons and new mentors for the pilgrimage to come?

— Laura Bloxham, '69
Professor of English
Whitworth College



Our Hearts Are Restless: Meditations on Learning to Live

by Howard Redmond
Sheed and Ward
1997

The 5th century writings of St. Augustine brought great insight to the Christian community about grace and the church. In his new book, *Our Hearts Are Restless: Meditations on Learning to Live* (Sheed and Ward), Howard Redmond not only seeks to shine new light on Augustine's writings, but also to explore more com-

mon ground between Protestants and Catholics. Both Roman Catholicism and Protestantism are strongly rooted in Augustinian thought, says Redmond, professor emeritus of religion who still teaches part time at Whitworth. This volume, then, is an attempt to use Augustine-based reflections to relate the thought of one of the greatest of the early Christian writers to the thought and life of our time.

This collection, Redmond says, seeks to build on the shared concerns of Christians of all denominations. Look for *Our Hearts Are Restless* in Christian bookstores, or call the Whitworth College Bookstore at (509) 466-3277.



Pierrette Christianne-Lovrien

Celebration to mark French professor's 34 years of service

Save the day of Saturday, October 18, 1997, to join alumni and friends in celebrating 34 years of service to Whitworth College by **Pierrette Christianne-Lovrien**, '77, beloved French professor.

A driving force in establishing Whitworth's France Study Tour, Christianne-Lovrien will be retiring at the end of fall semester 1997. More information will be available soon.

Alumni invited to honor Bruners

Please join us as Whitworth College, in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church, Spokane, and the Whitworth Institute of Ministry, celebrates **Dale and Kathy Bruner's** 20 years of service in teaching and active ministry in the Pacific Northwest.

They will be honored on Sunday, July 20, 1997, at the Whitworth College Fieldhouse.

The reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP with your check by July 11 to the Alumni Office.

This event occurs the day before the start of the 1997 Whitworth Institute of Ministry, at which Dale Bruner will be the keynote Bible teacher.



Dale Bruner

Pirates to appear at Kingdome

No, Pittsburgh is not making a stop in Seattle for interleague play.

But on Friday night, August 22, you can join fellow alumni and friends and watch the Mariners take on the defending World Champion New York Yankees.

Tickets are \$9 each, and reservations

should be made through the Alumni Office as soon as possible. The deadline: August 1. Please keep in mind that a limited number of tickets is available.

Puget Sound-area alumni will receive a postcard with more information by June 1.

We hope to see you there!

Homecoming and Reunion Preview

It's never too early to plan for future reunions on campus. Save these dates now for upcoming 1997 and 1998 events!

June 13-15, 1997	45-year reunion for Classes of '50-'54
June 27-29, 1997	25-year reunion for Classes of '71-'73
October 11, 1997	Homecoming and 5-year reunion for Classes of '91-'93, 10-year reunion for Classes of '86-'88
May 16-17, 1998	Heritage Day for Class of '48 and 50-Plus alumni
May 29-31, 1998	40-year reunion for Classes of '57-'59
July 10-12, 1998	30-year reunion for Classes of '67-'69, and 20-year reunion for Classes '77-'79
October 3, 1998	Homecoming and 5-year reunion for Classes of '92-'94, 10-year reunion for Classes of '87-'89



A note from the alumni director

What an amazing first year on the job!

I have had opportunities to meet many of you at events from Denver to Hawaii, San Diego to Spokane. I have had pizza with grads from the class of 1996 and lunch with members of the class of 1931. From jazz concerts to kayak trips, basketball games to theatre performances, it is always wonderful to meet with you and hear your "When I was at Whitworth" stories.

Watch for a wide variety of activities and opportunities coming your way in the next year.

The Core 650 lecture series will again hit the road, bringing professors and hot topics to a church fellowship hall near you.

Expanded offerings on the web site will make it even easier to visit the campus (if only in cyber-space) and reconnect with old friends. And the campus itself has never looked better. Come out for a visit!

As always, I look forward to hearing from you via phone, letter, or e-mail. Your suggestions (and memories) are always appreciated.

— *Tad M. Wisenor, '89*

For more information about these and other alumni activities, contact Tad Wisenor at (509) 466-3799 or 1-800-532-4668. You can also e-mail him at twisenor@whitworth.edu.



One set of Lounsberry's champs

Lounsberry teams plan fall reunion



Jim Lounsberry

Gridiron veterans from Jim Lounsberry's years at Whitworth will be gathering this fall to celebrate one of the winningest eras in Whitworth football history.

In tribute to Lounsberry's lasting contributions as a coach, and because this was such a significant period for Whitworth football (the 22-game winning streak from '53 to '56 is still a school record), a team reunion will be held in conjunction with a Pirate home game this fall.

Event co-chairmen Walt Spangenberg and Daryl Squires promise a good time as teammates gather to share stories from this glorious era in Pirate athletics.

A final date is forthcoming. Look for news in your mailbox soon.

Core 650 travels to Europe in 1998

A new era in alumni programming will begin next summer as Philosophy Professor Dr. Forrest Baird and his wife, Joy, lead a Core 650 tour to Europe for alumni and friends of Whitworth.

From June 19 to July 5, participants will

visit five European cities, tracking the development of western philosophy and immersing themselves in art, cuisine and sightseeing.

See the inside back cover of this issue for more information.

Alumni Office Seeks Award Nominations

The Alumni Office is seeking nominations for the two awards presented by the Alumni Association.

The Alumni Distinguished Service Award was first presented to Dorothy Farr Dixon in 1963 and is presented to an alumna/us who has expressed loyalty and continuing service to Whitworth College; been of service to the community; reached high achievement in her/his field; and exemplified Christian ideals through service to others.

The Alumni Devotion to Whitworth Award was first awarded in 1989 and is given to an

alumnus/a whose service and devotion to Whitworth has made a significant impact in the college community. Through this person's effort, Whitworth has attained a higher level of excellence. The ideal nominee should show unselfish dedication to the alumni program and its goal of maintaining relationships with alumni; express the mission of the college to others and encourage the financial and volunteer support of other alumni; and be recognized as a role model for others to follow. Nomination letters should be sent by Whitworth alumni to the Alumni Office.

CLASS NOTES

'36 **T.C. McFeron** has been retired for over 20 years. He fills his time singing in a choir, bowling and being a "shooter of free throws."

'45 After serving for 15 years, **Barbara Mullen Stout** retired in June 1996 from the pastorate at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, Calif. She now serves parttime in the San Gabriel Presbytery in California. Whitworth has things pretty well wrapped up in the San Fernando Presbytery in Southern California, where **Bruce Finlayson** was recently installed as the moderator and **Rev. Glen Thorp ('67)** is the new vice-moderator.

'48 **Mary (Bovee)** and **Clifford ('49) Taylor** live in Hood River, Ore., and are happy to be surrounded by their five children and 17 grandchildren. Cliff is retired but tutors junior and senior high school kids in math. Mary (Mel) has been in real estate for 27 years.

'50 **Richard** and **Ardith (Moberly, '53) Klein** e-mailed the Alumni Office to say, "We have joined the cybergeneration and love being online with the latest news, e-mail, etc. Hey, you 1950s generation . . . get online and enjoy the 1990s communications possibilities!"

'51 **Robert F. Smith** retired from teaching at Lemoore High School and is a part-time English instructor at West Hills College in Coalinga, Calif.

'52 **Cathy (Kendall) Durham** and her husband, **Dick**, are serving at Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio.

'53 **George Buchin** retired in September 1996 after 40 years as an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and received a retirement gift of a trip with his wife, **Lois**, through Israel, Egypt and Greece. George serves as the interim pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Brainerd, Minn.

'56 **Dr. Robert Steffer** will retire in 1997 from the ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has been executive regional minister of the church for Canada since 1987.

'58 **H. Wayne Smith** married **Grace Tweten** in December. They now live in East Wenatchee, where Grace owns an orchard. Wayne is extensively involved in Y's Men International, an organization in the service of YMCA. **Dr. Harold Winters** retired from IBM's Almaden Research Center in San Jose, Calif., in 1993.

'59 In November and December, **Ben Frank Moss'** paintings and drawings in the "Landscape Revelations" collection were



Colonel Carol (Isaac) Reineck, '72, received a \$40,000 grant for military nursing research. She is assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Department Center & School in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

shown at Gordon College's Horner Mezzanine Gallery in Wenham, Mass. The same collection was also shown in the Wesley Chapel Gallery at Houghton College in Houghton, N.Y.

'60 **Jon W. Adams** sold his business to his employees and retired — for seven days. He is back in the Northwest working with **Tom**

IN MEMORIAM

Dorothy (Dick) Adams died December 3, 1996, at the age of 97, in Milwaukie, Ore. She was born in 1899 to missionary parents home on furlough, and her early schooling was in Asia. After working in national missions for the Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, Calif., she was a resident counselor in Whitworth's McMillan Hall from 1953 to 1967. Survivors include nephew **Edward B. Adams, '57**.

Sherrin Bauman, '83, died May 18, 1996, of cancer. She was executive director of the Central Washington Girl Scout Council for 16 years. Sherrin is survived by her husband, **Tom**, of Richland, and their three children.

Hazel Barnes, '38, died in Spokane on Christmas Eve 1996, at the age of 83. A longtime reporter for the *Spokane Chronicle*, Hazel wrote school news stories in order to pay her way through Whitworth. After teaching for several years, she joined the *Chronicle* full time in 1943 and stayed 35 years. She interviewed "with a gentle touch," and was selected to interview Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Lady Bird Johnson and Pat Nixon. In her retirement, she taught English to immigrants and traveled extensively.

Vicki Lewis, '93, died of cancer on her 52nd birthday, Jan. 17, 1997. She was born in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and was a teacher and school administrator before coming to the U.S. in 1969. She was the coordinator of the Certification and Placement Office in the education department at Whitworth from 1985 until she became too ill to work last fall. Survivors include daughters **Robin Yorlano** and **Jennifer (Lewis) Vandine, '93**, sons **George** and **Bruce Lewis, '89**, and one grandchild.

Robert T. McLaughlin, '62, died of a heart attack on Nov. 14, 1996. He was 62. After graduating from Whitworth, he attended Louisville Seminary and became a Presbyterian minister. From 1974-1984, he was the chaplain at Children's Hospital in Seattle. He is survived by his wife, **Connie**, and two daughters, **Robin Lee McLaughlin** and **Jo Marie McLaughlin Flannery**, both of Seattle.

Lynne M. Watt, wife of **Brady B. Watt, '80**, was tragically killed in an automobile accident on January 29, 1997. She leaves behind her husband and their two children, **Garrett** and **Laurel**. We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family.

Walter M. "Bill" Williams, '63, died on December 18, 1996, as the result of complications from cancer. Survivors include his wife, **Linda (Misner) '64**, his daughter, **Janli, '90**, both of Arlington, Wash., and his son, **C.J.**

Dr. Lawrence "Larry" Yates, '84, died December 18, 1996, of congestive heart failure. Born in England and educated in Canada, he received a doctorate in theology from Princeton Theological Seminary. He taught philosophy and Greek at Whitworth for 33 years, beginning in 1948. He also served as pastor of Rocklyn Methodist Church for 20 years. Survivors include a son, **David**, of Seattle, a daughter, **Lorna Holly**, of Garland, Texas, two grandchildren, and a sister, **Betty McNaughton**, of Ontario, Canada.

Jean Nanney, '46, was listed erroneously in the last Whitworth Today as being deceased. Her husband, **Herbert**, died May 20, 1996. We regret the error.

Goodenow ('71), and manages the new Harbor Club in Bellevue. **Janice M. (Lamott) Adams** serves as the stated supply pastor at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Portland, Ore. Her husband, **Samuel B. Adams ('61)**, serves as an interim pastor at Rose City Park Presbyterian in Portland.

'64 H. Leon Sams and his wife, **Marylee (Severson, '65)**, live in Stanwood, Wash., where he is the principal at Stanwood Elementary School and she teaches music at Twin City Elementary. **Linda (Misner) Williams** and **Janli Williams ('90)** are team-teaching intermediate multi-age classes at Eagle Creek Elementary in Arlington, Wash.

'66 Larry M. Elsom teaches physics at Lewis & Clark High School in Spokane.

'67 G. Stanford Raymond works for Continental Airlines in Atlantic City, N.J., and is working on a teaching certificate for "a third or fourth career change."

'71 Armand Lara retired from the FBI in May 1996, following 25 years as a special agent. He is now in San Salvador as an advisor to the National Security Council of El Salvador.

'72 David and M. Lynne (Hafer, '72) Nelson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in February with a Caribbean cruise.

David is Western Washington University's economics department chair and is active in the community. Lynne homeschools Andrew, 11, and Daniel, 9, while continuing her studies at WWU. Daughter Janelle is a senior in high school, while son Jonathan is attending Wheaton College. **Sue (Julian) Snelling** is a second-grade teacher at Wide Hollow Elementary School in Yakima, Wash. She was awarded her master's degree in educational technology in August 1996 and is participating in a Washington state technology grant that involves the World Wide Web. **Mark Snelling** is the senior pastor at Westminster Presbyterian in Yakima, Wash., and will be leading a tour of the Holy Lands in June as part of his three-month sabbatical.

'73 Tim Lickness recently had an article on his wartime experiences in Vietnam published in the *Wall Street Journal*.

'74 David J. Votaw is the new pastor at Parkminster Presbyterian Church in Rochester, N.Y.

'75 Carolyn Curley McNeil is teaching kindergarten at Wright Elementary School in Coulee Dam, Wash., and is referring students to the Whitworth Education Department. **Darlana (Norvell) Dyer** works in the family business and volunteers at Calvary Chapel in Colbert, Wash. Her husband, **Bill**, is the "self-employed president of Lighthouse International Ltd.," where he is involved with new product development and marketing. The Dyers make their home in Colbert with their two boys. **Roger** and **Sharon Enfield** have relocated to Dallas, Texas, where their daughter Camilla starts kindergarten this year. **Jane (Jarett) Bateham**, band director at Chase Middle School in Spokane, was selected as Eastern Washington University's Teacher of the Month for October 1996. **Julie K. (Hardt) Davidson** and Ed Reynolds were married in November 1996. They make their home in Chelan, Wash.

'76 Elizabeth (Wicklund) and Daniel Newell ('79) lead busy lives in Eugene, Ore. Betsy's hands are full with four school-aged children, volunteer work and Bible Study Fellowship. Dan works with computers. The Newells "are now back in touch via e-mail," having recently received e-mail from old Whitworth friends **John ('80)** and **Denise (Bent, '82) Harro** in Soldotna, Alaska.

'77 Debi (Klahn) and Steve Knight and family send their greetings from Avon, England. They would welcome visitors from the Whitworth community and plan to celebrate Christmas 1997 in Washington state. **Will Mason** is the pastor at Southampton Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Mo. He works with several small group ministries and is a member of the General Assembly's Urban Strategy Task Force.



Do dogsleds have cupholders? Ponder for a moment the idea of a dogsled driver in the Iditarod stopping to order a latté. We're not sure how Iditarod purists might feel about it, but Dr. **Eric Johnson, '79**, of Anchorage, Alaska, gave racers and fans a warm-up while raising money for Sunrise Christian School. After setting down his plane along the banks of the Iditarod River, Johnson set up his own espresso stand along the race course. Sales were brisk, but zero-degree temperatures froze any milk that was left out within 10 minutes.

Photo by Erik Hill, Anchorage Daily News

'78 In March 1996, **Russell Thompson** finished his doctorate in education at UCLA. He is a high-school principal in Los Angeles, and lives in Long Beach with his wife, Betty-Jean, and their children, Nolan, 11, Shannon, 8, and Allison, 4. **Pam Geddes** and **Brian Girtman** plan to marry in Lincoln City, Ore., in May. Pam is a publications specialist at Marylhurst College in Lake Oswego, Ore. Brian owns his own television communication system design and installation company in Portland, Ore.

'79 **Melissa (Pauly) Mawn** is a social studies teacher at West Irondequoit High School in Rochester, N.Y. She hopes to do some traveling with her family in the future. **Margaret Wattman-Turner** was awarded the Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, given to students whose "outstanding academic achievements are complemented by qualities of leadership, dedication, integrity, compassion, sensitivity and self-discipline." **Ian MacInnes-Green** lives in Fort Atkinson, Wis.

'80 **Renee (Shaw) Workings** and her husband, Douglas, have a 1-year-old son, Grant Douglas. **Richard Lee Anderson** is in his 17th year of teaching junior high students in Eagle River, Alaska. **Dr. Alice (Krehbul)** and **Eric Chrisinger** and daughter Katie announce the birth of Evan Reed in March 1996. **Steve Meyer** received tenure at Whitworth College in 1996 and is currently on a one-year leave of absence to pursue scholarly writing. He has published papers in *The Intercollegiate Review* and *Insight*, and has contributed a chapter to *The Creation Hypothesis: Scientific Evidence for an Intelligent Designer*, edited by J. P. Moreland and published by InterVarsity Press. **Gary Paukert** studies seismic data for Crestar Energy in Alberta, Canada. **Karen A. Vevea** and Peter D. Strous were married in November. They are both employed by the Boeing Corporation in the Seattle area and are building a home in Kent, Wash. **Neill E. Anderson** and his wife, Anne, are proud to announce the birth of their son, David Neill, in August 1996.

'81 **Gary** and **Elizabeth Runkle-Edens**, of Pasadena, Calif., are the proud parents of Richard Glenn, who arrived in October 1996. **Ronald** and **Kathy Horner** live in Wrangell, Alaska, with their children, Natalie, 6, Richelle, 5, and Ariana, 1. **Jess T. Snider** is the owner of J.S. Medical Manufacturers, a representative and distributor of medical supplies. **Lisa Bade** began a nine-month Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) assignment in Akron, Penn., in October 1996. She is an administrative assistant in the MCC Peace Office. **Kevin Sea** has graduated from the University of California at Davis with a master's in enology (winemaking). He is working in New Zealand but plans to return to Washington or California soon.



The Rev. Keith Reed, '88, (left) performed the ceremony as Tom King, '89, wed Mary Savage in a July wedding held at Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston, Connecticut. The Kings are living in New Jersey and Tom is working on his M.B.A. at the University of Connecticut.

'82 **Clara (Oswalt)** and Joe Lewis were married in July 1996. Clara teaches at a Christian school in Jackson, Miss. **Kathy Worster** lives in Modesto, Calif., and is working toward her R.N. at St. Dominic's Hospital. **David** and **Debra Byle** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Benjamin, in November 1996, in Seville, Spain. **Brian D. Smith** is the tax manager for DirecTV in El Segundo, Calif. **Major Ronald A. Dinger** is stationed at Headquarters, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing in Okinawa, Japan.

'83 **Barbara (Notson) Trotter** lives and works in Gig Harbor, Wash., with her children: Tiffany, 11, Chelsea, 9, and Parker, 6. Barbara is the director of a Kinder Learning Center. **Beth Ann (Sprengeler) Hendrickson's** daughter, Michelle, has relapsed with leukemia and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant. Please keep her family in your prayers. **Lori (Cloninger)** and **Jeff Sweeney** were married in February at Skamania Lodge, Ore. **Dave Erickson** is a senior scientist at Westinghouse in Hanford. **Tim Haugan** and his wife, Hwa Jae Jang, welcomed John Paul to their family in March 1996. They reside in Amherst, N.Y. **Tony Mega** has been an assistant professor of chemistry at Whitworth since 1993.

'84 **Sheila Tatayon Brown** and her husband, Kevin, rejoiced at the birth of Andrew Alan in June 1996. **Charlie** and **Kim (White, '85) Blake** have two children, Selby, 6, and Chas, 2. Charlie is a senior financial analyst at Intel Corp. Siri Christine, born in June 1996, blesses the home of her mother, **Andrea (Skari) Devlin**. **Kitti (Rockstrom) Korntved** and her husband, Ed, enjoy the growth of their daughter Rebekah Rose, now a 1-year-old. **Bret** and **Janet Stein** are pursuing a dream of living in a neighborhood with several other Whitworth alumni families. Bret

builds timber frame homes and Janet works in a CPA office. **Andrea (Knappen)** and **David Neault** are happy to announce the arrival of their second child, Trevor Forrest Neault, in October 1996. He joins his big sister, Jillian Rochelle. **Jeff** and **Chris (Stauffer, '85) Sloan** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Cole, in February. **Laura (Hendrick) Kevghas** has joined Advanstar Holdings Inc. as a financial analyst. She and her husband, Craig, have two girls: Lindsay, 7, and Halie, 4.

'85 **Susan Lindsay** left Lockheed Martin Space Operation in May 1995 to pursue a master's degree in behavior analysis and behavior disorders at the University of Oregon, Eugene. She plans to graduate in June 1997 and pursue employment in organizational behavior management. **Jolene (Martin)** and **Chris Nystrom** and their children, Andrew, 6, Michael, 5, and Emily, 2, welcomed Aimee Elisabeth in September 1996. The Nystroms enjoy homeschooling and country living in Fayetteville, N.C. **Susan Speth** has earned her master's in business administration from Phoenix University and continues to work in administration at the J. Paul Getty Museum. **Bob Shopbell** is "still trying to get [his] small business hazardous-materials consulting firm off the ground in Southern Oregon." He and his family are enjoying their home in Central Point, Ore. **Scott** and **Tani (McCormick) Starbuck** proudly announce the birth of their second child, Ethan Macaiah, in February. Scott defended his Ph.D. dissertation in May 1996 and was installed in April as senior pastor of Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colo. **Tim** and **Renee (Whitney, '86) Williams** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel LeRoy, in March. They make their home in Seattle, Wash. **Barbara D.**

(Shields) Woods is a nursing care coordinator for King County Medical Blue Shield in Everett. **Kurtis and Delene (DeForest) Dale** are enjoying their son, Jordan, who is 18 months old.

'86 Theresa Lacroix and her family are acclimating themselves to Texas after a hectic move earlier this year. **Arnie Tyler** has returned to Spokane after completing an eight-year term of service as a U.S. Navy nuclear propulsion engineering officer. He served on the U.S.S. Nimitz, where he received a Navy Achievement Medal for developing and implementing a nuclear propulsion training program for sailors. Arnie and his wife, Melissa, now own an athletic and fitness training business. **Amy (Chapman) and William Norton** were married at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane in September. Navy Lt. Cmdr. **Carolyn S. (Stallings) Seepe** was promoted to her present rank while serving at Naval Hospital Cherry Point, N.C.

'87 Linda (Washburn) Delong and her husband, Aaron, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Anna Victoria. Anna joined her sister, Sarah, in September. **Gary and Meg (Shepherd) Vollema** are pleased to announce the birth of Benjamin Gary, born in May 1996. He joins his 6-year-old sister, Katie. Gary is operations manager for Klickitat Botanicals in Trout Lake, Wash., and Meg is a respiratory therapist in The Dalles, Ore. **Mary Zaccaria** is proud to announce the birth of her son, Nathan Zachary, in March 1995. **Tim Douglass** works for SophWare Associates, a computer software development company owned by **Audrey (Wendlandt, '60) and Ron Turner, '61**. He and wife **Barbara (Rednour, '86)** live in Usk, Wash., with their four sons, Dennis, 8, Rob, 6, Sean, 3, and Ian, 1.

'88 Susan and Brad Taylor make their home in Salem, Ore., where Brad is in sales and Susan works for the State of Oregon Department of Revenue. **Greg Folta** has completed a master's degree and teaches elementary school in the Saipan Public School system. His wife, **Veni**, works for Micronesian Telecommunications Company. They are expecting their first child in May. **Lynn Franz** has relocated to Los Angeles, Calif., where she is the director of market research for Warner Music. **Mike Noel** completed his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Rochester. He works in a post-doctoral position at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville doing experimental research in atomic physics. **Greg Spencer** received his Ph.D. in physics from Arizona State University in December and has accepted a position at Symbios Logic, a microelectronics company in Fort Collins, Colo. **Laura (Murray) Carle** was in a serious accident in which her truck was totaled. She and her mother came through with only minor scrapes and bruises. **Scott Sadler** is the executive director of the YMCA in Renton, Wash. He and his wife, **Krista (Price)**, have two children, Jake and Torin.

'89 Michael and Kelli (Cochran, '92) Barram live in Richmond, Va., and "sorely miss" all of their Whitworth friends. Kelli is a middle-school student-assistance counselor, and Michael has completed his M.Div at Louisville Seminary; he's now working on his Ph.D. dissertation in New Testament studies at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia. **Kelly (Childress) Blumer** proudly announces the birth of her daughter, Sandra Ann Blumer, in February 1996. **Maseko Nxumalo** has returned to South Africa after a 20-year exile. He is a project accountant with a Hewlett-Packard distributor and is glad to be back in his homeland. See this issue's cover story

for more on Maseko's journey. **Kristin (Beiningen) and Dwain Fagerberg** announce the birth of their daughter, Sarah Joy, in December 1996. Sarah joins siblings Anna, 3, and Josh, 2. **Kaitlin Wade** and her parents, **Carter and Kristen (Johnson) Wade**, are proud to announce the birth of Colten Carter in February. The Wade family makes its home in Kent, Wash. **Kristen Steffens** has accepted a post-doctoral appointment at the National Institutes of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Md. **Leah (Palmberg) and Paul Barrett** are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Annika, in November 1995. **Mark Eidson** checked in from Japan and is looking forward to e-mail messages via the Whitworth homepage. **Bonnie (Hein) and Jon Reeves** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Christina Renee Reeves, in January. Bonnie works in Whitworth's computing services department, while Jon has started a new job with Sears at Northtown Mall. **Heidi (Van Skalk) and Michael Scott** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Keegan Michael, in March 1996. **Kristen L. (Cuddy) and John Bumgarner** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Alec, in June 1995. **Matt and Amy (Clark, '90) Bumpus** proudly announce the birth of their son, Scott Paul, in March.

'90 Ben and Jenny (Davis) Adams brought in the new year with the birth of Morgan Elizabeth on December 31. **Matt Hilgaertner** plans to marry Kristi Wedemeyer in the spring. Matt is seeking a call as an associate pastor, and Kristi, a part-time actress, also coordinates church home fellowship groups. Both presently live in Manhattan. **Kathy (Kopp) and Scott Jones** are celebrating seven years of marriage. Kathy enjoys the challenge and satisfaction of her freelance writing career, while Scott is happy in his new job at Sequel Technology in Bellevue, Wash. **Teresa (Simmons) Zuercher** works for the alumni department at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tenn. **George Pappas** checked in from Dutch Harbor, Alaska, to report that he is working for the State of Alaska Department of Fish and Game Shellfish Observer Program. In his spare time, he enjoys hiking, skiing, boating and bird-watching. **Keith and Diane Blodgett** are still alive and well in Clarksville, Tenn., where Keith is in the Army and Diane is a full-time mother. The newest addition to their family, Ian, was born in December. They now have three children. **James Wright** is "still in school" and hopes to have his M.S.E. from Seattle University in June. **Kim (DeVilleneuve) and Paul Markillie** have settled into Hawaiian island life and welcome any visitors from Whitworth. Both are active in the Hawaii Environmental Education Society. **Sue Packard** is a store manager at The Well-Made Bed in Seattle and was married in April. **Steve Murray** is the music director at Westminster United Methodist Church and



More than 90 alumni and friends gathered at the University of Puget Sound in January to cheer on Whitworth's men's and women's basketball teams as they battled the rival Loggers. Guests also enjoyed a between-game reception.

also teaches voice lessons at St. Thomas Theological Seminary in Denver, Colo. **Wendy (Galloway)** and **Jim Slawter** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Trevor James, in February. **Karleene (DeKleine)** and **Erik Holm** are expecting their first child in August. **Elaine Ball** has moved to Deer Park, Wash. **Sally Rose** is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Shawn Douglas Rose, in September 1996. **Andrea (Blosser)** and **Carl Jensvold** welcomed their son, Augustus George, in 1996.

'91 **Scott Lum** is working with AirTouch Cellular in Bellevue, Wash. **Katie Salmon** married Sgt. H. James Marhurin in July 1996. **Elaine Ball**, '90, **Gloria (Sandford)**, '91 **Hanson**, and **Jocelyn Mundinger**, '92, were wedding participants. Katie and Jim are now in Ft. Knox, Ky., where Katie teaches at a reading clinic. David and **Gwyn (Millar) Kopp**, living in Whittier, Calif., celebrate their fifth anniversary in June. David recently graduated from Biola University with master's degrees in psychology and theology, and Gwyn works in the public relations department at Biola. **Jim** and **Kelly Puryear** welcome a third addition to their family: Gabriel Lee arrived in November 1996. **Laura Seapy** was ordained in February 1996, and serves as associate pastor at Arcadia Avenue Presbyterian Church in Peoria, Ill. **Juli (Duffus)** and **Brent Dunn** expect their first child in June. **Jon** and **Emily Dueck** were married in October 1996 in Wooster, Ohio. In May, Jon earned an M.Div. in transcultural studies and Emily earned an M.A. in intercultural studies from Alliance Theological Seminary. The newlyweds make their home in Santa Rosa, Calif., where they have accepted an associate pastorate at Santa Rosa Alliance Church. **Kristin Large** has been named senior executive assistant by Globe Facility Services for the Colorado Springs World Arena. She also has recently returned from London, where she took a short course at Le Cordon Bleu Cooking School. **David Mead** and **Cheryl Kliever** were married in December 1996, and make their home in Rochester, Minn. **Kathryn (Vestal)** and **Carmen Rodriguez** are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Skyler Corliss, in October 1996. Skyler joins his sister, Britany. **Deborah Knutson** has returned to Whitworth's master of arts in education program, where she is preparing to be a high school physics teacher. **Kelley Strawn** and **Alejandra Reyes-Torres** are engaged to be married in May. Kelley is on a leave of absence from his Ph.D. program at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and is teaching English in Mexico. **Laura (McCann)** and **Adam ('92) Rosellini** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexa, in November 1996. Alexa joins siblings Caitlyn and Jack.

'92 **Denise Litchfield** graduated from the University of North Dakota with her master's degree in physical therapy. She lives in Ju-



At the September 8 wedding of **Paul Lee ('88)** and **Laurel Abrams**, a mini Whitworth reunion took place. Alumni friends and family included: (L to R) **Don Latimer**, '85, **Greg and Lisa (Barr)**, '86 **Spencer**, '88, **Kepa and Kim (Latimer)**, '83 **Kamaiopili**, '82, **Lola (Latimer) Kent**, '60, **Don Latimer**, **Laurel and Paul Lee**, **Mary (Latimer) Lee**, '58, **Cathy Lee**, '90, **Rev. Dr. Rob Langworthy**, **Jeff Newcomb**, '88, **Ken Smith**, '88, and **Dr. Mike Noel**, '88.

neau, Alaska, and is engaged to marry **Bradley Decker** in June. **Sean** and **Amy (Reid)**, '94 **Smith** are "acclimating to Southern California" while Sean pursues his M.Div. at Fuller Theological Seminary. Amy is also at Fuller, working on her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and her master's in Christian leadership. They've been married for 3 years. **Mark** and **Jenny (Lewis)**, '93 **Vandine** welcomed **Andrew Charles** into the world in January. **Heidi (VonHeeder)** and **Gordon Goins** reported that they have been living in Redmond, Wash., since graduation and have not been traipsing across the United States as previously reported in *Whitworth Today*. **Melissa (Francis)** and **Steve ('94) Thompson** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nathan Hunter, in March. **Rebecca (Swan)** and **Michael Vahle** live and teach in the Denver, Colo., area. Rebecca teaches fourth grade at Sedalia Elementary, while Michael is the performing arts department chair at Douglas County High School. **Joel M. Rinsema** is the director of music at Sunnyslope Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Ariz. He performed as tenor soloist in Handel's *Messiah* with the University of Chicago Rockefeller Chapel Choir under the direction of former Whitworth professor **Randi Von Ellefson** in December 1996, and also debuted with the Phoenix Symphony. **Scott Franz** teaches at Oregon State University and also does hydrodynamics consulting. **Paul Morris** is working for Siemens, a nuclear fuel fabrication facility in the Tri-Cities. He has also been researching for his master's in mechanical engineering. **Gail Peebles** is a program director for Young AmeriTowne, a mock city in Denver, Colo., that caters to fifth, sixth and seventh graders. She is engaged to be married in August 1997. **Erin L. King**

is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, Radalyn, in January 1996. Radalyn joins 2-year-old brother Reign. **Todd** and **Alexandra (Moon)**, '94 **Bitterman** are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kyrie, in August 1996. Kyrie joins brother Jarod, 7.

'93 **Matt** and **Cheryl Elisara** live in Lakewood, Wash., where both work in the Clover Park School District. **Julie Fairman** married **Chris Ward** in October 1996. The two now live in Oak Harbor, Wash. **Devon Singh** and **Paul Barrett** were married in September 1995. In June 1996, Devon received her master's degree from Seattle University. She has been appointed academic counselor in the educational opportunity program at Rider University. The Barretts now live in New Jersey, while Paul works on his M.Div. at Princeton. **Amanda Rhoads** married **Greg Archambeault** in November. They make their home in Carlsbad, Calif., where Amanda handles insurance benefits and licensing for a restaurant chain. **Becky (Pool) Valentine** and her husband, Rick, live in Boise, where Becky works as a loan officer and Rick is a realtor with White Riedel. **Carrie Ann Lucas** has completed her first quarter toward an M.Div. at Iliff School of Theology. **Julane (Lussier)** and **James Dover** live in Bend, Ore., where Julane owns a bridal business and is a Mary Kay cosmetic representative. **Sacha Davis** reports that she has been promoted to systems administrator at Electra Technical Sales. **Matt Snow** is attending Officers Candidate School of the Marine Corps with the intention of joining the military police. **Melissa McCabe Gombosky** and **Jeff Gombosky** have relocated to Olympia, Wash., where Jeff is serving as a first-term state representative from Spokane's District 3.

'94 **Heidi Becker** and Jeff Bursch were wed in Auburn, Wash., in October. **Juli Swinnerton ('92)** and **Staci Abrams** were attendants in the wedding. The couple now resides in Saginaw, Mich. **Michelle Ryker** returned recently from Austria, but hopes to go back soon. **Paul Spencer** is a purchasing agent for the Red Lion Hotel-City Center in Spokane. **Sarah Snelling** has been promoted to a sales position for Bay Networks, and has relocated to San Antonio, Texas. She reports that she is excited to experience the culture and lifestyle of Texas. **Tiffany Turner** has relocated to southeast Utah, where she is the field director for Wilderness Quest, a desert survival and drug and alcohol treatment program for at-risk youth. She says that the job is "a perfect marriage of psychology and nature — I get paid to camp, rock-climb and learn!" **Heather (Colburn) Edberg** is a student in the doctoral chemistry program at the University of Washington. **Bill Leath** participated in a six-month work project in Mexico before beginning his master's in mechanical engineering at the University of Washington. **Tina Wong** is a student in the master's in counseling program at Chaminade University. **Amy Shoffner** is working in Frankfurt, Germany. She reports that on a recent visit to Seattle, she had a wonderful visit with **Kristen Nicholson** and **Adrianna Pangborn-Perez ('93)**. **James Klassen** and Jennifer Westby were married in April. They will reside in Olympia, Wash., where he works for a small company that manages computer networks. **Holly Grimm** and Tony Renfrow were married in Spokane in 1996.

'95 **Christy Gallote** and her husband, Dennis Chivers, are enjoying and trying to finish their newly remodeled home. Dennis is an architect, and Christy runs an in-home daycare. They welcomed a daughter, Brynn, in April 1996. Four-year-old brother Ian loves her! **Lisa Eaton** and **Caryn Wilson** flew to Illinois in October for the La Salle Bank Chicago Marathon. The two trained together and are excited to run another marathon. Lisa says "We both agree that running 26.2 miles is all worth it when there is a massage tent at the finish line!" Both Lisa and Caryn are teachers. **Jenny (Gregory) Hirschfelder** works as an instructional assistant at Grays Harbor Community College, where she helps adults improve their reading and math skills. **Audra Frasier** has relocated to Veradale, Wash., and is employed by Sprint PCS as a customer service representative in Spokane. **Leonard "Lenny" Wiersma** is finishing his master's degree in sports psychology at Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. **Laurie (Hydorn) Skouge** works at Itron Inc. as an information services technician. **Heidi (Oksendahl)** and **John Sedgwick ('96)** were married in August. Heidi is a physical therapist's aide and hopes to get her master's in physical therapy. John works at

Expeditor International, a freight forwarding company, and they make their home in Seattle. **Karen Wharton** and Tommy Hair are engaged to be married, and **Susie Cotton** is to be the maid of honor. Karen works for Baker Boyer Bank in Walla Walla, Wash. **Kym (Carnahan)** and **Mike Davis** were married in January. Whitworth alums **Diane Brennan**, **Doug Mounsey** and **Cindy Kohlmann** participated in the wedding, which was performed by Whitworth Communication Studies Professor Mike Ingram. The newlyweds make their home in Tacoma, Wash., where Kym works for Catholic Community Services, licensing foster homes. **Sourabh Roy** is working as an engineer with General Mills in Lodi, Calif. **Wendy (Odegard) Warwick** is employed by Prescott Dermatology as a surgical/medical assistant. **Ron L. Purdy** is the media support coordinator at Walt Disney Feature Animation in Burbank, Calif. **Tracey King** has spent a lot of time traveling the world. She and **Wendy Verity** spent six months in South America. Tracey is now working temp jobs while looking into possible mission and graduate school opportunities.

'96 **Elizabeth Dauenhauer** is a substitute teacher in the Spokane Valley. She says, "I've been mainly working in special education rooms with my favorite kids!" **Greg** and **Gwendolyn Haley** are in China until July of 1998, teaching English at Yangzhou Teachers College. **Tamara Knapp** married Rich Holschen in January, at Valley Ford, Wash. **Matt** and **Jenny (Gregory) Hirschfelder ('95)** participated in the ceremony. **Mike Larkin** has returned from an "incredibly momentous" British Isles tour and is searching for a job in the Portland, Ore. area. **Nick Roghair** lives in Spokane's Westminster House, a group-living community service project. He plans to work on a master's in education at the University of Alaska in the future. **Alan Michael** and **Tina Lieske** were married in June 1996. **Cameron McGillvray** coached baseball during the summer of 1996 and entered the radiation therapy program of the British Columbia Cancer Institute in Vancouver, British Columbia. **Alexandra Markanovich** has accepted a position with the Weyerhaeuser Corporation. **Rob Faulk** is a student worker in USC's Advanced Biotechnical Consortium while he searches for a permanent position.

'97 **Amanda (Smith)** and **Nathan Probst** were married in December in Prosser, Wash., and are living in Pullman. **Larry Turner** is an account executive for Northwest Retirement in Corvallis, Ore.



Monica S. Walters (M.Ed., '80) has joined the staff of the Spokane YWCA as executive director. She has worked in nonprofit administration for more than 16 years after completing her master's at Whitworth in guidance and counseling.

GRADUATE STUDENT NOTES

Graduate Studies in Education: Current student **Margie Arnzen** is the proud mother of Grady James, born in January. **Dawn Gerhard, '94**, is now a certified mental health counselor/marriage and family therapist at Lutheran Social Services in Kennewick. **M.L. Harvey-Testa, '96**, began a new position as a school counselor at Audubon Elementary in Spokane in December. **Jeanne Helfer, '87**, was honored as 1996 Girls Basketball Junior Coach of the Year for the state of Washington after she led her Mead Panthers to the state AAA title. **Doris Herbes, '95**, is a staff counselor with the APEX program at Excelsior Youth Center in Spokane. **Polly Johnson, '96**, is a child and family therapist at Spokane Mental Health. **Cheri Mataya, '94**, has been named executive director for the senior citizen center and Meals on Wheels at Mid-City Concerns. **Selma Olson, '95**, is working in case management with Susan Call in Lewiston, Idaho. **Martha Rough, '96**, is currently teaching two mythology classes at Mead High School. **Kate Schrader Shawgo, '97**, has established a private practice as a holistic counselor. **Wendy Staudenraus** has a new son, Matthew Scott, born in February. **Celeste Swartling, '95**, is in Seattle working as director of the Washington Academy of Languages. **Leslie Weaver-Burdett, '97**, is treatment coordinator at Excelsior Youth Center in Spokane. **Master of International Management:** **Kathy Hightaian** received MIM's faculty award for academic excellence, and **Michelle-Lynne Morimoto** received the outstanding community service award at the MIM graduation celebration in December.

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June 19 — Fri. Leave Seattle.

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June 20 — Sat. Arrive Rome; coach to Pompeii. **June 21 — Sun.** Optional mass; tour Pompeii; LECTURE: Stoics/Romans (on site); boat trip to Isle of Capri.

ROME

June 22 — Mon. Coach to Rome; tour Ancient Rome; LECTURE: Intro. to Middle Ages (on site). **June 23 — Tues.** Tour Vatican Museum and St. Peter's; free afternoon.



FLORENCE

June 24 — Wed. Audience with the Pope (if available); coach to Florence with possible stop in Pisa. **June 25 — Thurs.** LECTURE: Intro. to the Renaissance and Michelangelo; tour Renaissance Florence. **June 26 — Fri.** FREE DAY

PARIS

June 27 — Sat. Train to Paris. **June 28 — Sun.** Late morning mass at Notre Dame; afternoon outing to Versailles; LECTURE: Age of Reason (on site); evening boat tour on the Seine. **June 29 — Mon.** walking tour of Paris ending at Louvre; free afternoon; group dinner in Latin Quarter. **June 30 — Tues.** Free day; fashion show for those interested.

LONDON

July 1 — Wed. Train to London (via Chunnel); orientation tour of London; included play in the evening. **July 2 — Thurs.** Tour British Museum; LECTURE: Intro. to the 19th Century; free afternoon; optional play in evening. **July 3 — Fri.** Tour National Gallery, Tate Gallery; LECTURE: Intro. to the 20th Century; optional play in evening. **July 4 — Sat.** Free day (optional visit to Tower of London); farewell dinner and included play (*Les Misérables?*) in evening. **July 5 — Sun.** Transfers to airport; flight to Seattle; arrive the same day.



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